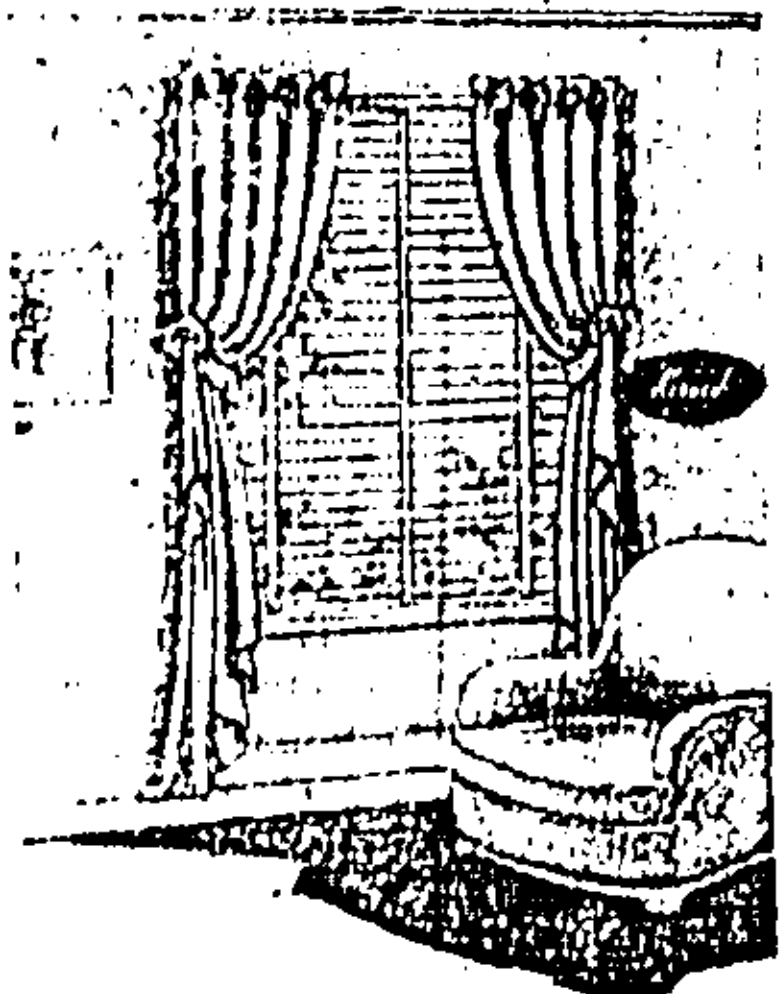


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Chinese Methodist Wedding

More than 300 people witnessed the wedding yesterday of Miss Lillian Lenora Soon and Harold Clarence Leong, son of Mrs. S. J. Leong and the late Mr. W. G. Leong, of Melbourne, Australia.

The ceremony, held at the Chinese Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, was conducted by Rev. J. E. Sanbach. The bride, dressed in a gown of white silk tulle featuring a graceful white gladiolus, was given away by Mr. D. Wong Tape, OBE.

Mrs. Maurice Leong, wearing a rose-coloured gown of waterwave silk, was matron of honour. Her husband was best man.

The reception was held on the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel. For travelling to her honeymoon at Macau the bride wore a turquoise suit with white hat and accessories.

Local Estates Sworn In

Local estate, sworn under \$21,000, was left by the late Cecilia Maria dos Remedios, formerly of 4 Peace Avenue, Homantin, Kowloon, who died at the San Raphael Hospital, Macao, on Apr. 4, 1928. An application for Letters of Administration de bonis non has been granted to Miss Enclida dos Remedios.

The late Robert Baid, formerly of Lombard Street, Round Riding Road, Dumbarrow, Scotland, who died there on Nov. 29, 1944, left local estate sworn under \$5,800. An application for resealing certified copy Confirmation of Will has been granted to Mr. R. A. Wadsworth.

An application for resealing certified copy Probate in respect of the estate of Robert Charles Baid (otherwise Robert Baid deceased), formerly of 71 King's Road, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, England, has been granted to Mr. W. G. C. Brown, bank official. The deceased, who died on Ar. 6, 1945, left local estate sworn under \$1,500.

Local estate, sworn under \$1,200, was left by the late Stanley Herbert Peck, formerly of Oak Cottage, Wyck Hill Lane, Woking, Surrey, England, who died at Nuttal Memorial St. Andrew, Spanish Town, Jamaica, on Sept. 26, 1942. An application for resealing certified copy Probate has been granted to Mr. R. A. Wadsworth.

On behalf of the respondent, Mr. Bernacchi said that Mr. Wright was not correct in stating that Appeal No. 4 was decided yesterday on the question of "illegality". Mr. Bernacchi submitted that the Court must consider the social standing of the parties and the locality where the premises were situated.

In this case, the Tribunal had had an opportunity of visiting the premises concerned before arriving at their decision. Mr. Bernacchi referred to the terrible housing shortage in the Colony and stressed the fact that the Tribunal, after visiting the

Sentence on both were deferred by the Magistrate when Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison preferred an additional charge of maintaining against Tong, and of being occupier against Ting, on April 6.

The new charges will be heard at 2.15 p.m. on April 27. Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, will again appear for the accused.

He Had A Go At It
The American, called upon all Britons to come out and have it out, so I went and had a go at it," said J. Simpson (22), second steward of ss. "English Prince" when he appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with disorderly conduct.

Simpson was fined \$25, while the American, James Kula (21), seaman of ss. "General Gourou", had his bail of \$100 extended to April 23. Kula's breath smell of alcohol when he was brought to the Tsimshatsui Police Station.

Inspector J. Oram said that the defendants were found fighting at the corner of Ashley and Middle Roads at 8.10 p.m. on April 23. Kula's breath smell of alcohol when he was brought to the Tsimshatsui Police Station.

ENGINEERS TOUR FACTORIES
A three-hour tour of factories in Kowloon was conducted by the Engineering Society, Hong Kong, yesterday afternoon.

Fifty-eight members of the local engineering fraternity took part in the inspection which was the second to be sponsored by the Society. Similar tours are planned for the future.

The factories visited yesterday were the Nam Yuen Trenchlight Factory, the Tat Hang Rubber Factory and the Man Yuen Knitting Factory.

The tours are being conducted by the engineering fraternity with Hong Kong Industries.

TENANCY APPEAL DISMISSED

Tribunal's Decision Upheld By C.J.

An appeal against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal (Mr. P. C. Woo, Mrs. Ruby Ching and Mr. Chan Ching-to) which refused an application for possession of 14 Wing Wo Street, 1st floor, was dismissed yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice). The appeal was based on the grounds that the Tribunal was wrong in holding that the appellant had suitable accommodation and that the findings of the Tribunal were wrong in law and in fact.

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. Peter Sin of Messrs. P. H. Sin & Co., appeared for the appellant, Wong Pong-kwan. The respondent, Mr. B. Bernacchi, was represented by Mr. B. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau of Messrs. A. S. K. Lau & Co.

Opening the case for the appellant, Mr. Wright said that his client was the owner of 14 Wing Wo Street. Appellant lived on the second floor while respondent occupied the first floor. A notice to quit was given to respondent in 1946 and in the application for possession, appellant mentioned that he required the premises for the use of himself and his family. The evidence showed that his family consisted of 12 members and that efforts to obtain alternative accommodation had failed.

Mr. Wright said that there was overcrowding before the war. Appellant's children had grown five years older since and consequently required more space. Their ages also rendered it undesirable to have grown-up children of different sexes occupying the premises.

Mr. Wright stressed the fact that ill health among members of appellant's family was due to overcrowding of the second floor of the premises.

No Criterion
Mr. Wright submitted that the Tribunal had misdirected itself on being guided by Mr. Justice T.J. Gould's dictum in Appeal No. 4 of 1947 and applying the same dictum to the facts mentioned. Appeal No. 4 was decided solely on the issue of ill health, and overcrowding was not even alleged in that case. In the present case, not only did there exist ill health, but in addition, there was overcrowding.

Mr. Justice Gould's dictum did not suggest a criterion in relation to the specified facts of any particular case. Every case must be decided on its own merits. Mr. Justice Gould did not suggest that where there was overcrowding in premises before the war, the tenant must now put up with a very great degree of overcrowding at the present time. That was the position in the present case.

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In this case, the Tribunal had had an opportunity of visiting the premises concerned before arriving at their decision. Mr. Bernacchi referred to the terrible housing shortage in the Colony and stressed the fact that the Tribunal, after visiting the

Bar, be attended with all happiness and success.

Well Known
Associating himself with the remarks of Mr. Griffin, Mr. Justice Williams said that it would be unnecessary for him to read the papers filed in support of Mr. Clifford's application to be admitted to practice as a Barrister of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong.

Mr. Clifford had been in practice here for a number of years as Crown Counsel and had performed his work with distinction and merit.

Mr. Justice Williams said that he was sure that in the future, Mr. Clifford's career and practice in the Courts of this Colony would be marked with the same success and distinction.

Mr. Justice Williams also agreed that Mr. Clifford would be in a position to help in the administration of justice in this Colony and his services as Crown Counsel might possibly enable him to see that there are checks in the armour of the Crown. Mr. Justice Williams said that he was sure that such checks as there were would be pointed out by Mr. Clifford when he was conducting his cases.

Mr. Justice Williams said that discovery of any weakness or blemish of injustice would be welcome. In conclusion, Mr. Justice Williams wished Mr. Clifford success and happiness both in his work and social life in the Colony.

Judge's Remarks

Mr. Bernacchi submitted that the Court must require very strong reasons before deciding to reverse the decision of the Tribunal.

Dismissing the appeal, Mr. Justice Williams said that in this case, the Tribunal was composed of three Chinese members. They had visited the premises and knew more about existing local conditions than he did. The appellant now asked him to reverse the decision made by the members of that Tribunal on the facts mentioned.

Mr. Justice Williams said that if he, having considered the case, now had to decide that the Tribunal was wrong in considering that the appellant had suitable accommodation, the way would be opened for appeals to be made from every Tribunal. Mr. Justice Williams said that unless he could find that the Tribunal was manifestly wrong, he should not upset their findings. The Tribunal had rightly considered circumstances prevailing in the Colony at the present time.

Costs in the sum of \$250 were also awarded in favour of respondent.

The dictum of Mr. Justice Gould, to which reference was made, reads:

"I have always taken the view that the proper construction to be given to the word 'suitable' must be one which has regard to existing conditions. The fully overcrowded state in Hong Kong of the whole of the residential accommodation of all classes must necessarily, in my opinion, lower the standard of what should be considered 'suitable' when considering whether a landlord has suitable alternative accommodation."

"Certainly, in my view, a landlord must accept his share of the overcrowding and to rule thus is not to balance hardship as between landlord and tenant, but merely to take cognizance of conditions common to all residents of Hong Kong."

INSPECTORS REMANDED

Two Hong Kong Tramways inspectors appeared at Central yesterday on a fraud charge.

Yip Wing-sang, 26, and Arthur Lau, alias Lau Yiu, 34, were charged with conspiring with Cheung Sang to defraud the company of passenger fares between Feb. 1 and March 31. Cheung was charged last Friday on a similar fraud charge.

Det. Sub-inspector Morrison requested that the two defendants be remanded six days. Cheung was remanded a week last Friday.

READERS' LETTERS

Flower Sellers

Sir—A few months back many of the British and European women in Kowloon signed a petition for different "Flower-men" to retain their allotted positions in Nathan Road. Yesterday, I saw them hastily crushing their beautiful blooms into baskets and taking them back to the garden to lie and rot—God's gift to us thrown uselessly away, because for some unexplainable reason the Kowloon Police now find them a nuisance.

They have never been that to anyone. Their wares are a sight of beauty in Nathan Rd. Their prices suit our pockets (few of us can afford the shop prices). We have been denied the smallest luxuries life can offer for so long—those who stayed in England and we who were prisoners of war here. Now—this source of happiness is to be removed. These men—unlike the hawkers in Queen's Rd. and Des Voeux Rd. are NOT a pest. They never ask one to buy—we all have our special men and they are honest—keep their little doorways clean and are a joy and pleasure to hundreds of women. In this world of cruel insecurity just one more "I shall call it 'necessity'" is to be taken away. May I ask exactly why? There is one maxim that meets the case "Live and let live".

LOVER OF FLOWERS.

Taxi Service

Sir—There has been recently inaugurated a small car (10 H.P.) taxi service on the Peak. These taxis charge \$1.00 for the first mile and proportionately for fractions of an mile, and are (I understand) permitted to operate from the Peak down into Town. May I ask why a similar small car taxi service is still not permitted on the lower and mid-levels?

One of the leading taxi owners has told me that were he permitted to operate a ten-seater H.P. car, he would replace most of his huge and unwieldy American saloons.

The present Hong Kong taxi charges are unnecessarily high, due to the use of enormous and expensive to operate cars, and I think it is surely high time the Authorities concerned permitted small powered taxis, which realistic step would also further help British car manufacturers.

MID-LEVEL RESIDENT.

"Fines No Deterrent"

"This type of offence is on the increase and a fine is no deterrent," said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when he sentenced Leung Yung-ming (28), telephone and wireless operator, to nine months' hard labour on the charge of maintaining an illegal wireless station at 373 Nathan Road, second floor, on April 10.

The Police raided 10 Woosung Street at 8.30 p.m. on April 10 but was unable to gain admittance until they broke in the door. They then found that the flat ran right through to 373 Nathan Road, second floor.

The wireless apparatus was found at the latter address hidden behind a large sheet. Defendant, in his defence, was out on the veranda. On the telephone desk, the Police seized a quantity of code messages and accounts of daily transactions which showed that the charge per word was 40 cents.

The apparatus was disconnected by Mr. Grew of the Telecommunication Department, who found the set cold but that it had been in use not long ago.

Defendant stated that he was employed by a Mr. Cheung, and that he had lived on the premises since October last. He only worked the "Kwongchowwan" sending messages for pig-dealers whose names and addresses he did not know.

He was formerly attached to the Communication Corps of the Chinese Army, and was a graduate of a wireless school.

"It will be a good thing to get hold of some of these pig-dealers and make an example of them," said Mr. Blair-Kerr.

"FRIENDS' QUARREL"

A quarrel between two "friends" living at the same house at No. 41, D'Aguiar Street, wherein one used a dagger to wound the other on the thigh, had its sequel at Central Magistracy yesterday, when Lu Shing, 28-year-old printer, was brought up before Mr. J. X. d'Almeida, who sentenced him to three months' hard labour or pay a fine of \$1,000.

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3. Severely injured or diseased dogs may be destroyed forthwith.

4. Owners are strongly advised to ensure that their dogs wear the licence number badge and any other marks of identification continuously, as proof of licensing, and to facilitate tracing.

5. When traced, owners will be liable to prosecution under Regulations 1 and 21 made under the Dogs Ordinance of 1927.

6. All dogs, except those in the non-mainland areas of the New Territories, or any sporting dog when actually working under the charge of a holder of a Game Licence, must be either muzzled or on a lead when abroad in public thoroughfares.

Acting
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.
Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1948.

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Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. Terry,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD.

The Ordinary General Meeting of members of the above Guild will be held at the office, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, Hong Kong, at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 26th, 1948.
GEORGE T. LLOYD,
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J. JOLLY,

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Marine Department,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Board Room of the Company, Room No. 308, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday the 27th April, 1948, at noon for the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be closed from the 18th April 1948 to the 27th April 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Sixty-third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on Friday, the 14th May, 1948, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1947.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 30th April to the 14th May, 1948, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1948.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 28th May, 1948, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st May, 1948, to 10th June 1948, inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Shoot Him Yourself

Tokyo, Apr. 24.
Reliable underworld sources told the United Press today that a Tokyo "Shoot Him Yourself" company now rents out pistols to aspiring Japanese holdup men on a nightly basis.
A source, who preferred to have his name withheld, said a pistol is usually "hired out" for 10,000 yen a night by thieves who, do not have the necessary capital equipment to carry on their trade.

The informant also described a system of "guided tours" whereby tipsters point out the likely homes to burglar along with an inventory of what they contain.

He explained the pistol shortage in the Japanese underworld was caused by the occupation law which makes it a crime for anyone but the police to possess any firearm but a shotgun.

Housebreaking has led the way in the postwar crime wave in Japan because the clothes shortage makes kimono, suits and dresses profitable loot. In Tokyo, some homes have been burgled two or three times. Residents are so terrified of housebreakers that

they often leave a small bundle of yen near their bedside to appease them.

Flat Rate

The informant said both the holdup and aid organisations operate near Ueno station, the thief and pickpocket headquarters for Tokyo. He said the tipsters never do burgling themselves but work on a flat rate or a percentage of the take.

Col. H. E. Pullian, Chief of the Allied Public Safety Division said the crime wave was "gradually lessening" although still far above pre-war.

He said Japanese homes make excellent targets for burglars "who can usually cut their way through the flimsy paper and wood with a kitchen knife."

Mrs. Copland Feted

A tea party in honour of Mrs. D.B. Copland, wife of the outgoing Australian Minister to China, was given yesterday by the wife of the resident Australian Trade Commissioner, Mrs. R. Hazzard. Mr. and Mrs. Hazzard's suite at the Gloucester Hotel was used for the occasion. Among the guests were:—Lady Gimson, wife of the Governor of Singapore, Mrs. G.W.E.J. Erskine, Mrs. G.D. Hopper, Mrs. M.R.E. Jobez, Mrs. K. Noble, Mrs. T.W. Kwok, Mrs. D.F. Landale, Mrs. K. Fung, Mrs. L. Eu, Mrs. D.C. Davis, Mrs. J.A.D. Alston, Mrs. F.L. Bush, Mrs. M.K. Lo, S.H. de Kantrow, Miss E. Ride, Mrs. Jolliffe, Mrs. J.E. Michele, Miss V. Carruthers, Mrs. D.M. Begdon, Mrs. J. Wolfe.

REQUIEM MASS

A solemn Requiem Mass, under the auspices of the Philippine Consulate and local Philippine community, will be said at 9 a.m. tomorrow in the Roman Catholic community for the late President Roxas.

London, Apr. 23.
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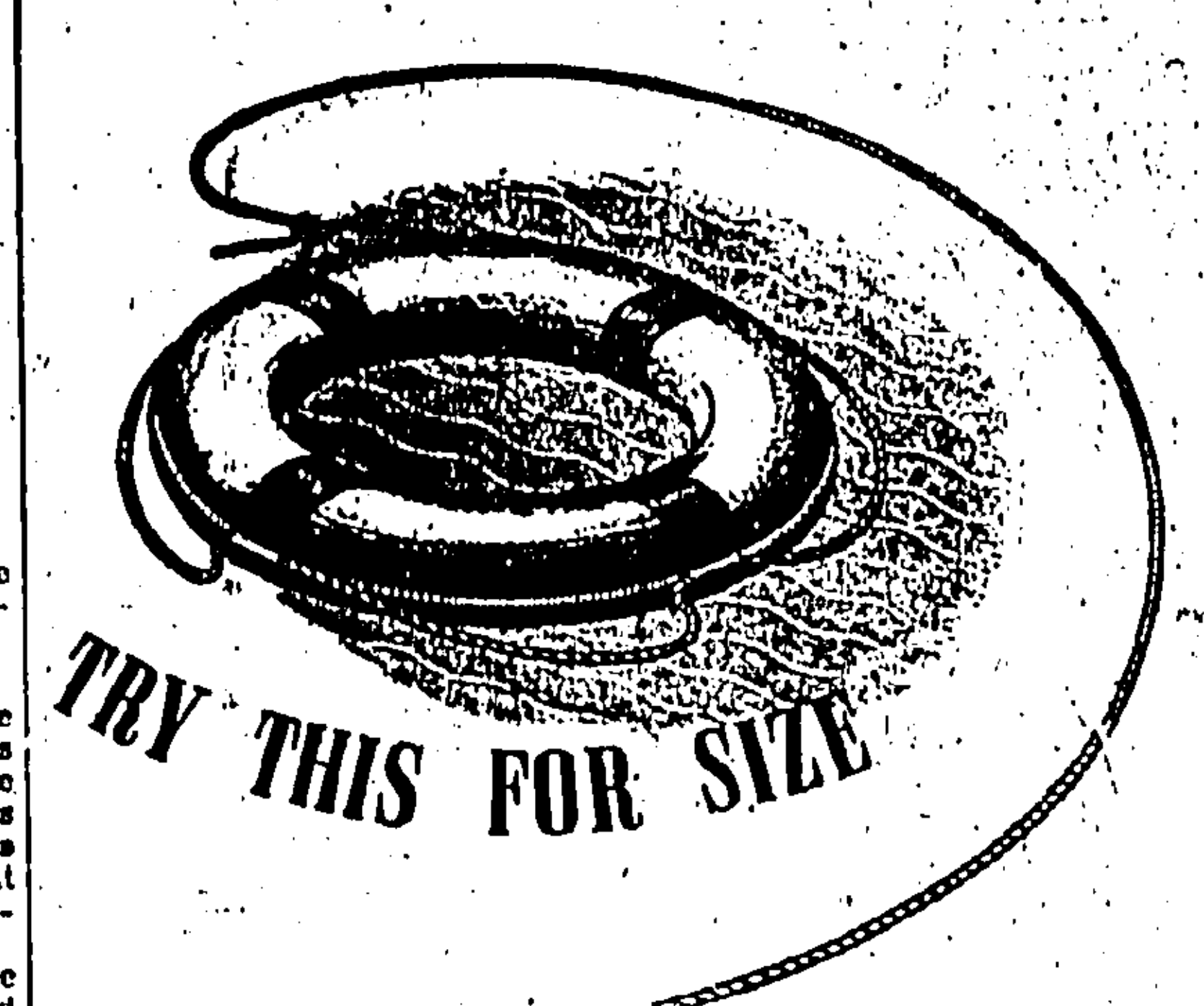
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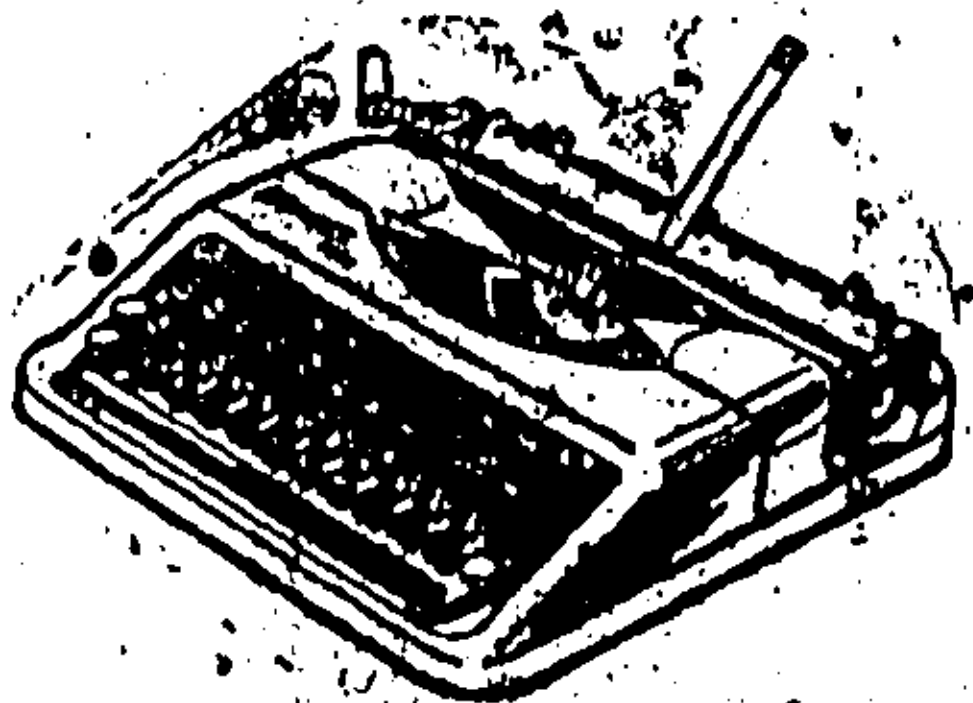
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ABOUT THIS AND THATBy **ARTHUR GEE****Imaginary Letter**

Octem. 3rd.

Sir—Can any of your readers tell me how to remove white marks on polished wood?
HOUSEWIFE.

Octem. 4th.

Sir—If **HOUSEWIFE** will dampen a piece of chamolis with cedar oil, she will find that the marks will go. Of course, as the Chamolis is now a protected animal in Switzerland, it may not be easy to get this material, but flannel should do as well.
HOUSEBOY.

Octem. 5th.

Sir—While the Chamolis is, indeed, a wild mountain antelope of goat size to be found in Switzerland, chamolis-leather has nothing to do with that country, but is made all over the world from goats, sheep, deer, etc. I am not sure whether or not it is made locally.
ZOOLOGIST.

Octem. 6th.

Sir—If chamolis-leather is not made locally, it is obviously because of the poor education of the exploited masses. Quite apart from the many thousands who are unable to attend school at all, there is not one single institution here where the ordinary hardworking labourer's son can get any training in the manufacture of soft, pliable leathers suitable for this purpose.

The reasons for this are, of course, obvious. This Colony is run chiefly for the benefit of landlords and overseas salesmen. Those who love and admire the old handicrafts, which never knew the breath of corruption, are shoved ruthlessly aside in the great scramble for profits. It is all very well for Government-sponsored schools to teach their children such elementary things as profit-taking, rules of interest, and the finer points of key-money and rent-control evasion, but these do not meet the needs of the greater portion of the population.
METTA PIEMAN.

Octem. 7th.

Sir—May I draw **PIEMAN's** attention to the fact that the basic cause of all the trouble is the uncontrolled immigration from further North, which imposes such a load on scholastic facilities in this far-flung corner of the Empire that there just aren't teachers enough to cater to such a specialised form of education. This Colony provides its people with a sound financial system, a corruption-free Government and Civil Service, and decent living conditions. It provides educational facilities to meet the needs of the majority of its population. If these newcomers want to study other subjects, why don't they return from where they came and take the matter up with their own Government?
A. TIMBERNUT.Sir—The implied corruption stressed by **PIEMAN** in his letter is so out of variance with the facts it is laughable, and needs no contradiction apart from that comment. How little we need give it the benefit of our attention may be gauged from the fact that he has not dared to sign his name, but shelters behind a nom-de-plume.
SAM SWAMP.

Octem. 9th.

Sir—Your correspondent **A. TIMBERNUT** has frequently written to the Press in the past, and I am surprised to find that his years of experience out here have not shown him the great need, I might almost say paramount need, for meeting the needs of the local people in the matter of chamolis-leather. There is, of course, an extensive black market in this product, and if he would be willing to accompany me, I would be able to show him scenes such as he has obviously never even dreamed about in the years he has spent skulking in the Penkong Hotel.
METTA PIEMAN.

Octem. 10th.

Sir—The black market in chamolis-leather, if it exists, can only continue to exist if it is financed by the profits gathered during the war-years by those who continued their operations quite freely during the period of enemy occupation of their country and have now fled here in ever-increasing numbers. It ill behooves them to criticise the local Government or educational system while they are taking advantage of all the other privileges accorded them.

The number who have flocked to this Colony in the past two years is an all-time record, unsurpassed in the annals of immigration anywhere in the world.
A. TIMBERNUT.

Octem. 14th.

Sir—With reference to **A. TIMBERNUT's** last letter, I discovered while hunting in an old drawer the other day a large, flat black disc with a circular red label in the middle. Is this a record?
JAZZBO.**The Races**

As is probably the case with most business offices in town, the Editorial Department of the "Sunday Herald" also takes due note of the various race meetings at Happy Valley. Most of the reporters would probably agree with the speaker who recently commented on the "splendid futility" of journalism, which probably explains why the get-rich-quick chance afforded by a flutter has its devotees. Personally, I've never seen a horse-race (except on the movies); distrust, yes, greyhounds, yes, and I once participated in a cockroach derby. But the horses, no, they all look alike, and if you haven't any money, it seems pointless to watch them career round the course. One of them is bound to win, and I couldn't care less which it is.

Nevertheless, in my time, I have spent the odd shakel on sweep tickets. Never won anything, of course. Once, in a Chinese state lottery, I won a terminal number—size of \$70—only to find I had lost the ticket. On another occasion, I was absent when the office sweep was made up—it won a small prize that time. I was in on the office sweep last week, and of course won nothing, though if anyone could do with a spot of extra cash these days, I could.

Lady Luck did, however, briefly touch one or two members of the staff—and had her joke with some of them. One bloke, for instance met a pal who suggested he try and buy a ticket-bearing his POW number. He did so; got nowhere. Had he bought a ticket with his old Army number, however, he would have won first prize! To soften the blow, Dame Fortune let him and another staff-member share a \$100 prize. Then there was another reporter whose ticket was only one number off the first prize of \$50,000. A fourth won \$4000 on his share of a through ticket. The fifth was the only genuine punter. He actually went down and watched the races, and collected \$150 on three long-shot ponies. With my usual run of luck, I might go into the business of collecting a commission for not buying a ticket on the office sweeps. That way, the others might win summat.

Housing

Something at last seems to be doing in the matter of the Colony's housing problem. Government, you will recall, announced in Wednesday's papers that nine schemes had been approved which would result in eventually some 2,000 detached houses, semi-detached houses and flats becoming available. It's taken Government nearly three years to do something that should have been done in the first place—make land available on fairly cheap terms and lease it by treaty and not sell it by that ridiculous 1945 system of auctions. Most of us have been asking why they didn't think of this before.

Profits will be limited for a specified period, and the owners of the new premises will have to keep properly audited accounts showing costs, rents, expenditure on upkeep, etc. So far as the ordinary bloke like you and I are concerned, however, the success of the scheme will largely depend on what Government considers a reasonable profit. Having seen what that august body considers reasonable profits in the matter of motor cars, radios, and food essentials, I'm not so sure we'll be any better off than at present.

It seems to me that what Hong Kong needs is something like the "Prosser Plan," which started off in the small Washington town of that name and has already received the enthusiastic support of half a dozen other cities in that fertile Yakima Valley. The plan first got going in about September last. Prosser has a population of 4,000, and its 64 houses can only cater to half the demand. That demand is heavy, for not only is Prosser close to the largest experimental irrigation farm in the world (Washington State College) but, to the north-east, there is the Hanford atomic bomb plant.

When it got to the stage where even the town's own school-teachers were spending their time house-hunting, a group of local businessmen decided to do

something about it. Unlike Hong Kong, however, they were not motivated by the profit motive and the chance to make a lot of money by catering to a seller's market. Their aim was to build sturdy homes fast and as inexpensively as possible, and at the same time not clutter them all up with red-tape.

Mass-building seemed the answer, but when they approached the only two contractors in town, the builders shied away from projects for such a backward community "with a ghost-town future." They were building one or two units—just as in Hong Kong—but no more. So the seventeen good merchants of Prosser got together, talked things over and put up the nice sum of US\$25,000. That was the 10 per cent required for a Federal Housing Administration loan.

Seven basic designs for houses were drawn up and placed before the FHA. The designs were approved and the FHA granted the remaining 90 per cent required as a loan. A representative of the little town of Prosser went up to Seattle and waved a cheque for \$250,000 before the eyes of a startled contractor. Seven months later, the first 25 of the "Prosser Plan's" goal of 500 housing units had been completed. The saving so far as the buyer is concerned works out at some US\$3,000 for the higher-priced units. The real-estate operator's commission has been by-passed and the contractor's costs cut way down, thanks to mass production.

How's it working out? Well, in a recent interview, Mr. E. P. Wade, secretary of the Prosser Chamber of Commerce and a member of Prosser Plan Incorporated, had this to say about it:—"This is a non-profit (Not even 5 per cent, notice! AEG), need-filling project. It's working. If there's ever going to be a bumper crop of Little Gray Homes in the West, it'll have to be along the lines of a co-operation, like Prosser's." Similar plans have now gone into operation in other communities in Washington state.

There's some sort of a lesson here for Hong Kong—but who ever heard of such altruism among businessmen in a place like this? Without subscribing to "Simple Simon's" regular diatribes, I must say life looks different when you're a big shot and when you're an ordinary small fry in either Government or the commercial world.

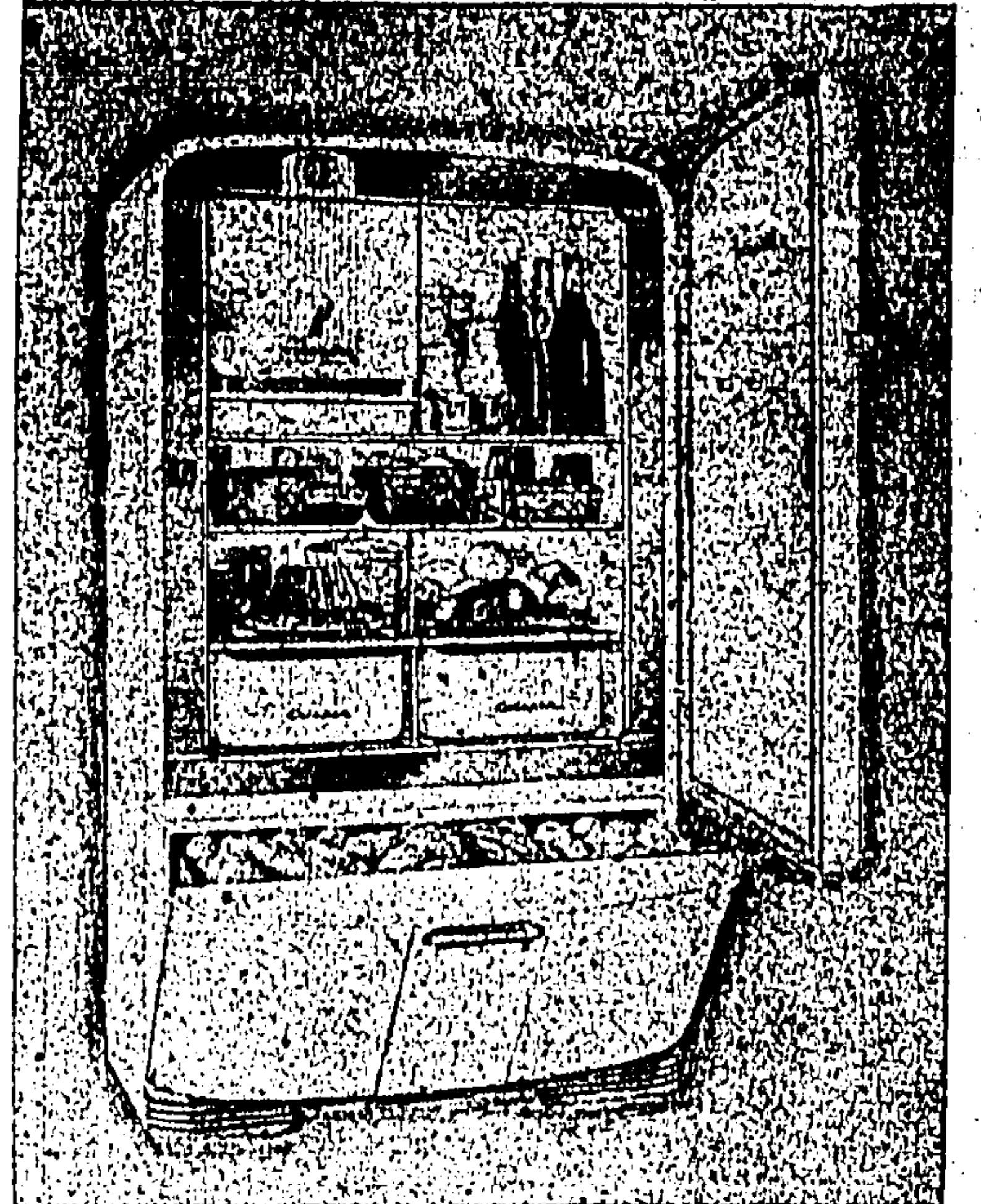
Broadcast

Tomorrow, Their Majesties the King and Queen celebrate their Silver Wedding with a State Drive to St. Paul's Cathedral and the holding of a religious ceremony there. If there is one thing the BBC excels in, it is its broadcasts of such traditional ceremonies as this. With memories of the splendid job they did with such recent events as the unveiling of the King George V Memorial and the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, most of us who can get near a radio tomorrow evening will be listening-in to the BBC. The commentary, etc. will be relayed by ZBW, and there have been certain changes in the original programme, the BBC has been busy this past week sending cablegrams all over the world, not forgetting this Pearl of the Orient.

At 6.15 p.m. tomorrow, the State Drive to St. Paul's is due to start, and a running commentary will be given by the BBC's Richard Dimbleby and Audrey Russell. Their Majesties will be accompanied by the Princess Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Princess Margaret (who has now, by the way, deliberately dropped the "Rose" which hitherto was always tagged onto her first name). For the second time since the war, the Escort of Household Cavalry will be wearing full dress on a state occasion—red and blue tunics, white buckskin breeches and gaiters, and thigh-length boots, with waving plumes.

The Thanksgiving Service in St. Paul's will start at 6.30 p.m., and Wynford Vaughan Thomas will both set the scene and provide the necessary explanatory comments during the ceremony. The service will include an address by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the reading of the Lesson by the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, the Blessing of Their Majesties by the Bishop of London and prayers conducted by the Archdeacon of London and the Dean of St. Paul's.

The following day (Tuesday), Their Majesties will be broadcasting during a special Silver Wedding Feature Programme, which will recall events in Their Majesties' 25 years of happy married life and public service. This, too, will be relayed by ZBW from 8.15 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.

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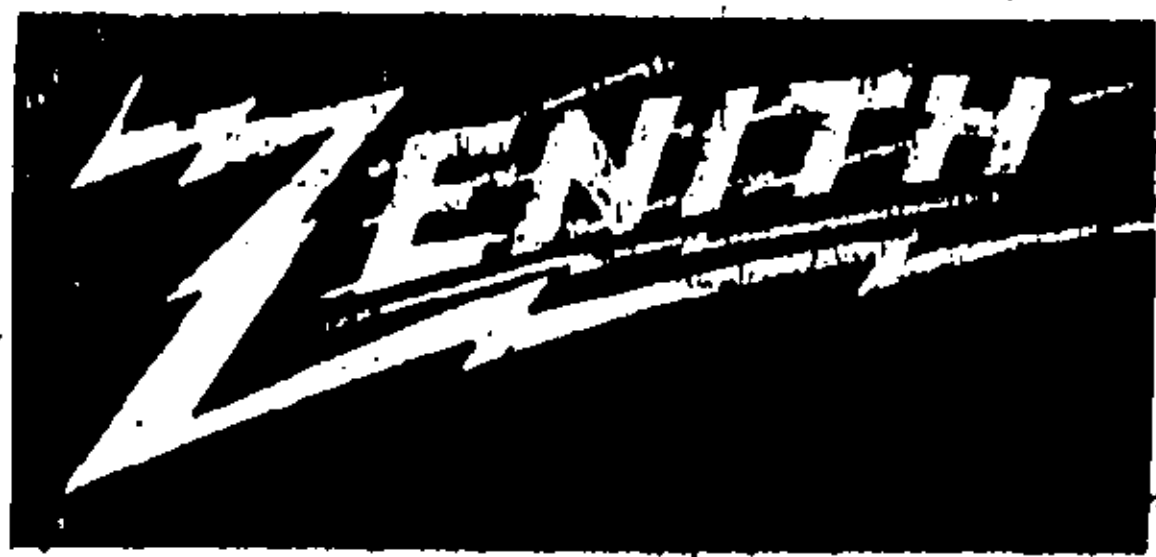
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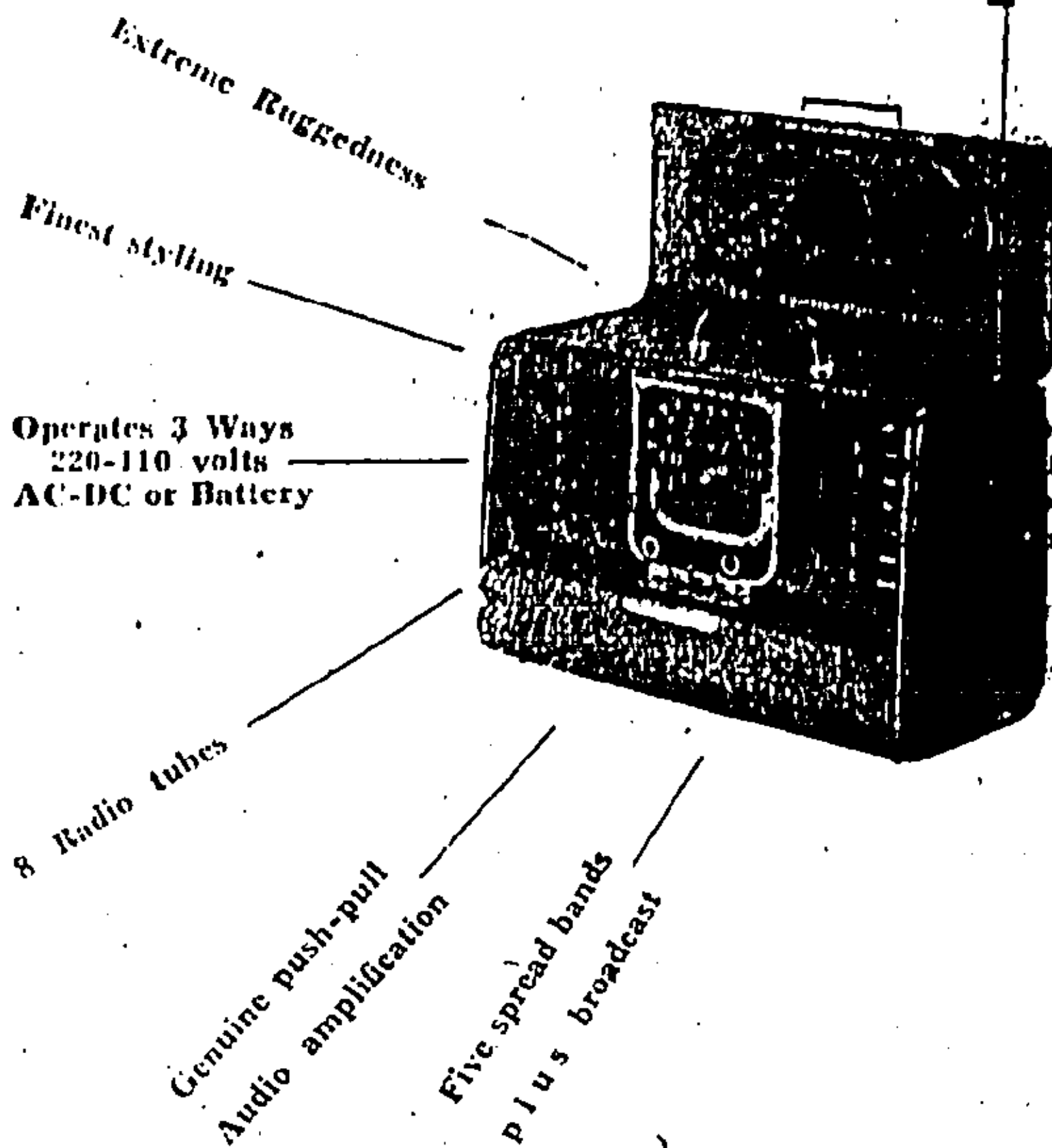
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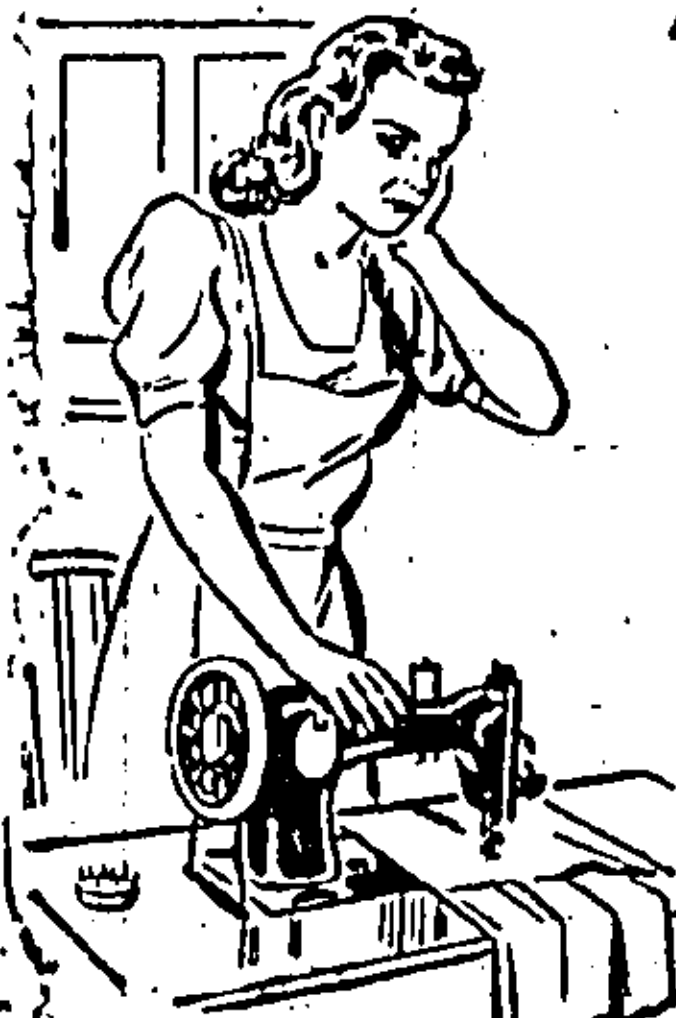
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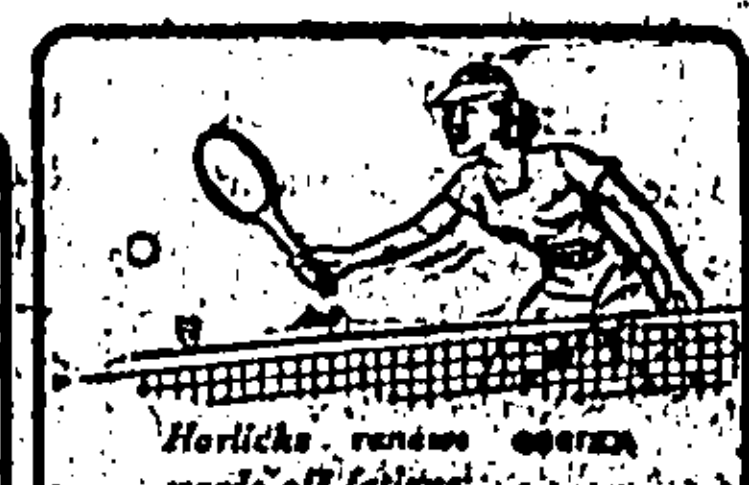
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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

By Margaret Bradbury

Mr. "Sammy" Randle, Controller of Posts in Hong Kong since 1936, will leave the Colony on Monday aboard the "Soochow" for Sydney where he expects to join his wife and son. After 23 years in Hong Kong, he is retiring on the grounds of ill health, and will probably remain indefinitely in Australia with his family.

"Sammy" Randle was posted here from India with the R.A.O.C. in 1922, and three years later joined the Government service. His first post was in the Indian Department, but since that time he has held a miscellany of appointments which included being attached to the Audit Department, the Supreme Court, Harbour Office, Colonial Secretary's office, the Treasury and the Police Department.



MR. S. RANDLE.

sportsman. He played football for Kowloon between 1922/23, and still has in his possession as a souvenir, the Shield Final Medal which was won in 1924. In the same year, Mr. Randle and partner won the Army tennis doubles championship. He also played cricket for the Police and later for the Civil Service. Since 1932, however, Mr. Randle has devoted his leisure hours to playing lawn bowls.

While on leave in England in 1935, he was skip of the first Hong Kong rink to win the Espin Cup, and in 1938 he partnered Mr. R. Duncan, who is also leaving on the "Soochow," to win the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls. The following year Mr. Randle was runner up in the open singles championship. He has also played for England on a number of occasions in the international games.

YOUNG H.K. ARTIST TO LEAVE
Miss Diana Artemis Kan, 22-years-old artist daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kan Kam Shek is expected to leave the Colony for

the United States (in the near future) where she plans to study oil painting in California. Miss Kan has already earned a promising name for herself in Chinese art circles, while her father is classed among the top Chinese artists in this part of the world. Born, brought up and educated in Shanghai, Miss Kan never had any training in painting and her talents have been self-developed. When she was only nine-year-old, Miss Kan held an exhibition at the Old National Salon in Shanghai when she had some 50 pictures on view. Since then she has exhibited in Bangkok and is now arranging another in Macao.

EMERGENCY VISIT TO U.K.
On receiving word that his father is lying dangerously ill in Scotland, Mr. R. S. Smith, former Crown Solicitor, who is now with the d'Almeida Remédios law firm, left the Colony yesterday by U.A.C. flying boat. Mr. Smith hopes to be back here before the end of May to join his wife and six-month-old son who are remaining in the Colony. Mr. Smith's father, who is 78-year-old, is the head of an old established legal firm in Arbroath in Scotland and has been in practice for over half a century. He has been failing in health for the last few months.

Mr. R. S. Smith came to Hong Kong in the Army from London in 1945 with the object of prosecuting in the Military Courts here, and was engaged on cases of collaboration. He joined the civil Government on a temporary basis in May 1948 as Asst. Crown Solicitor and terminated the appointment in December 1948. Mr. Smith arrived here in the "Victorious" in December 1948. During the war he was in the A.T.S. engaged on radar anti-aircraft defence work.

ABOARD THE "LANCASHIRE"
When H.M.S. "Lancashire" docked in Kowloon a week ago from England the first passengers to step ashore were Mr. Dashwood Evans, much travelled journalist and author, Professor Shen Yotung, a 40-year-old student of Philosophy who is returning to



MR. DASHWOOD EVANS.

Peiping to take up an appointment at the Tsing Hwa University, and Dr. Wu Li Yee, an author on aerodynamics, who is returning to Hankow on special Government work.

is a member of the British Council staff and was on a welfare visit to Peiping. After only a few hours in Hong Kong he left for Shanghai via Canton. Mr. Evans had a full programme ahead of him as he was back in the Colony on Friday and left for England by air yesterday. A native of New Zealand, he lost his home and family in the Napier earthquake of 1931. Mr. Evans escaped injury, and has since visited 58 countries including Ethiopia as a guest of the Emperor. During the Spanish Civil War he was imprisoned in Sanander by Franco troops for three weeks. Mr. Evans was once a close friend of Lawrence of Arabia and they shared a flat together at a time in London. Mr. Evans has just paid his third visit to China. His first was as a sailor in 1924 in the New Zealand Navy, and the second and third time as a war correspondent for the "Daily Mail" newspaper. He joined the British Council in 1944.

MAX FACTOR REPRESENTATIVES.
Mr. T. M. West, Far Eastern Division Manager for Max Factor, and his wife Mildred, who is a make-up artist, arrived in Hong Kong on the "Bolsevain" on Tuesday and are staying in the Gloucester Hotel. After a ten months' inspection tour of branches in Malaya, the Philippines, Netherlands, East Indies, Siam and



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Indo-China, they intend to remain here for a short period. Mrs. West, who before the war introduced art schools of make-up throughout the Far East, has been re-establishing these schools in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and Penang.

TO THE HIMALAYAS.
In the first week in June, 20 American tourists from New York will wander through the foothills of the Himalayas on one of the most unusual post-war tours. Led by Col. Jack Masters, an Englishman who spent 14 years with the British-Indian Army will for six weeks treat the travellers to an intimate look at the workings of Indian villages and Indian life. From an appointed meeting place in New Delhi he will lead

his caravan of vacationers 350 miles north-east to the headwaters of the Ganges River at Badrinath. First the group will make a short car ride to Ramlak, a mountain village 7,000 feet



MISS DIANA KAN

above sea level where they will remain about four days to become acclimated to the altitude. From Ranikhet the group will travel by easy stages to Bhujang Valley, known as the Valley of the Flowers, a nine-mile garden of wild blossoms, noted in legend. Travelling by foot or by pony about eight miles a day with time to stop to fish, shoot and sightsee, the tourists will find the pace leisurely, says Col. Masters. He added: "Essentially the trip is designed for people who want to take a close look at the spectacular mountain scenery in Northern India. In all, about 110 people have been employed to look after the travellers, to cook and carry water and a doctor will accompany the party." Col. Masters plans to run two trips of this kind each year to the Himalayas.

FROM HERE TO THERE.
Mr. Frank K. Wallace, of the Pacific Overseas Airline office in Hong Kong, returned from California a week ago bringing with him his bride, Miss Gladys Gardner, a Hong Kong girl. The couple were married in Reno, Nevada and spent their honeymoon on a tour of Southern California and Mexico. Miss Gardner left Hong Kong in January to stay with Mr. Wallace's parents in California and was joined by him in February. The wedding took place on March 10th.

The 7th one-man exhibition of recent oil paintings and water colours by Mr. Luis Chan will be held in the St. Francis Hotel from Monday, May 3, until 7 p.m. and Mr. Chan will show 60 of his works in water colour and oils.

PATRICK CAMPBELL'S PIECE

A few weeks ago I wrote about my health—an important matter. I expressed the view that I was nearly dead, and provided an outline of my symptoms.

- (a) Headache, contracted in 1927 and still persisting.
- (b) Mild sore throat.
- (c) Chest filled with molten lead.
- (d) Eyeballs packed with sand, and the shadows of mice leaping across them from left to right.

The contribution was received calmly by a friend—“Why don't you do political comment, or write about sport?”—and with complete indifference by everyone else.

Then, suddenly, the silence was broken. A letter came from Northern Ireland, signed “Molly Maguire” in inverted commas. And there, extending gracefully from the centre of the page, was the cooling hand of the fevered brain.

“I can tell you,” said Molly, after a short opening greeting, “that you are suffering from nervous exhaustion.”

She had had it herself. At one time, she was so bad that she could not rise from her bed to turn off Eric Barker (a divorcee, there, from my case. I'm so exhausted I can't even get up to turn off Dick Barton).

“What you need,” she went on, “is to build up your nervous energy by rest.”

At this point, she enclosed a doctor's prescription for a “mild sedative.” I put it on one side. It looked as if it would kill a horse.

“But best of all,” she concluded, “you should practice relaxation whenever you have the chance, in the bus, or anywhere, until it becomes a habit.”

I decided to try it first of all in the bus—a Number 24 leaving at 5.00 last Thursday morning.

But in the stairs, looking down the breathing, and then into the empty back seat. Relaxed

Oh, oh, oh—much too fat for Ah-da-da ah-da-da. Much too fat for meeee— Both feet were tapping rhythmically, the shoulders twitching. I was really going to town. I got up and changed over to another seat, nearer the front. Everything slack again, hands in the lap, fingers slightly curved, the head resting gently on the chair.

Suddenly, I thought my brain was getting smaller and smaller, receding from the skull, shrivelling into a thing the size of a tennis ball, and then a walnut. And then, ball-bouncing! I sat up with a jerk, before it dropped down into my throat.

That was the end of my relaxing for the day. I couldn't relax the way home, because the conductor showed me inside, standing where I'm always ben double, and I passed the journey

Radar To Be Used In Hunt For Oil

London, Apr. 24.
Three teams of prospectors will use radar for the first time to try to strike oil in seven British counties this year. Lines across their radar screens will, it is hoped, reveal oil deposits hundreds of feet below ground. Exactly how far the radar eyes will see is not yet known.

The prospectors will search over 170 square miles in Cheshire and Lancashire, 109 square miles in Flint and Denbigh and 152 square miles in Leicestershire, Rutland and Northampton.

They have given up hope of finding large reservoirs in the South.

Sir William Fraser, chairman of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., whose subsidiary, the D'Arcy Exploration Co., will make the search, told me: “Radar is a novelty for this work. We expect it will bring good results from all our new licences.”

But radar will not put the “stone-sufferers” and “thunder-dogs” out of work.

“Thunder-dogs” are the geologists who make the first view of the land. The “stone-sufferers” operate the seismographs—the earthquake-measuring machines vital for safety.

After radar has revealed oil, a chain-driven rotary drill will begin the boring.

Five small-steamers have been brought into commercial production in Britain since 1938. They produce only 27,000 tons a year, compared with 1,000,000 tons a year in the U.S.

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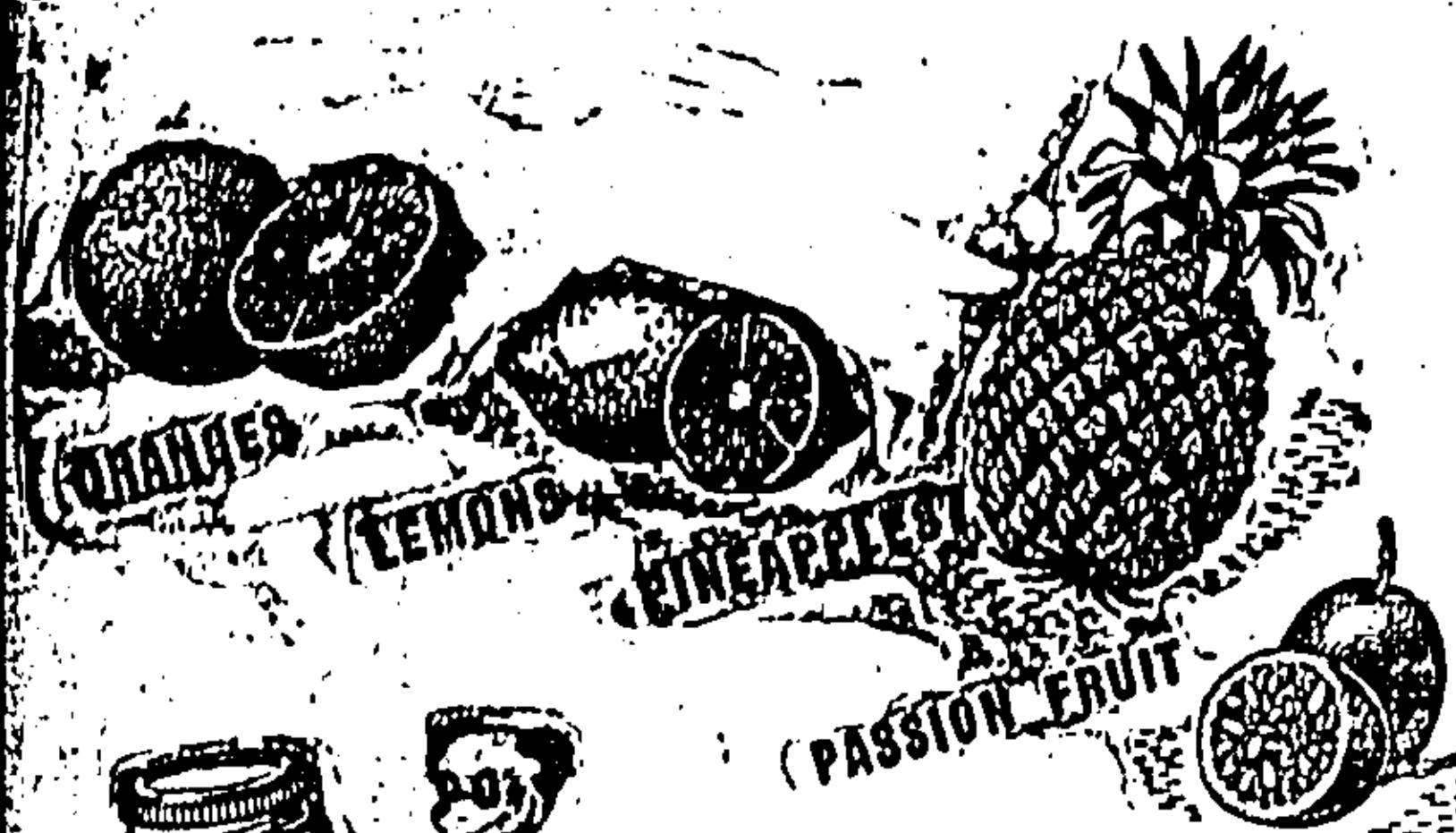
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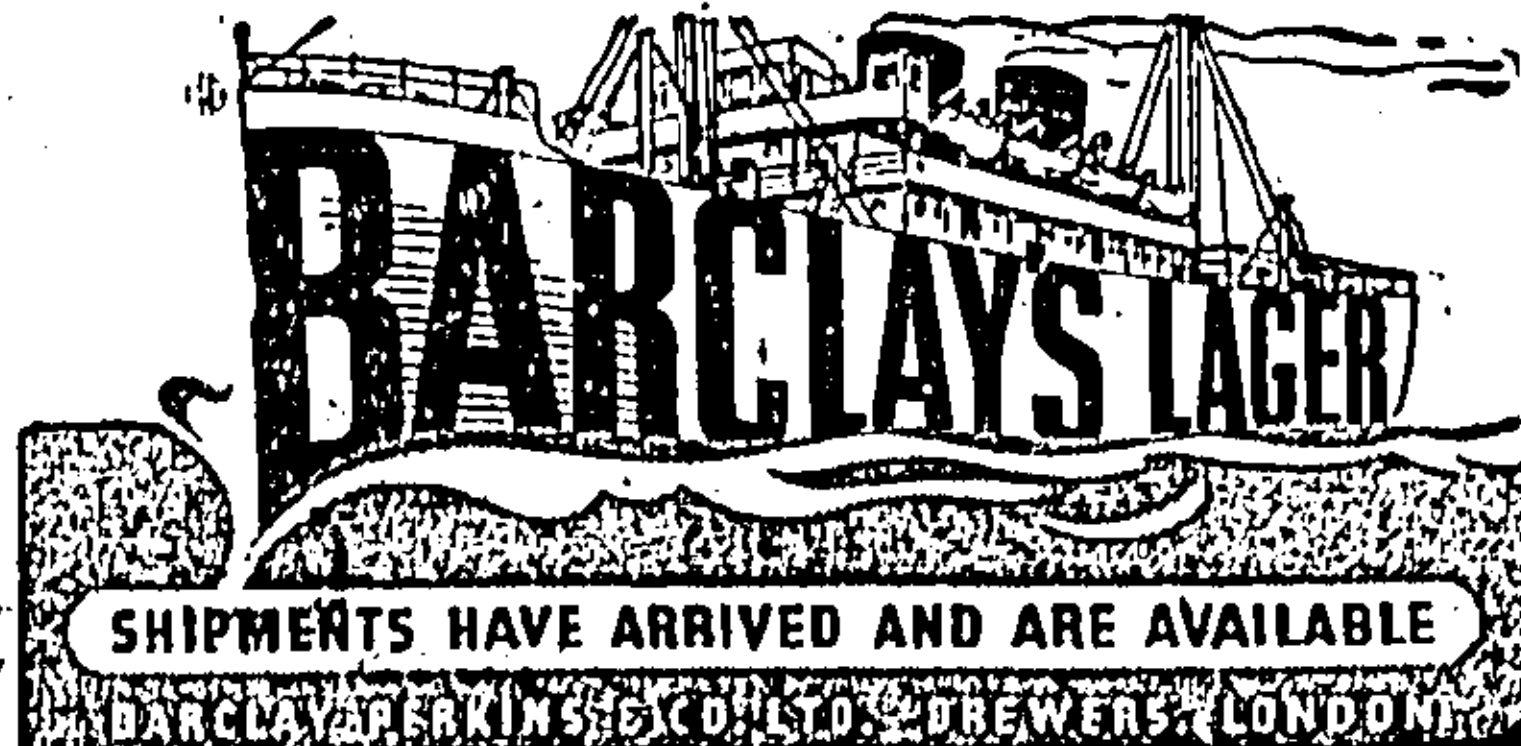
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ORDER OF GARTER BESTOWED ON PRINCESS ELIZABETH

Eye-Witness Account Of Ceremony

Windsor, Apr. 23. Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, were formally invested with the Order of the Garter today on the 600th anniversary of Britain's most coveted Order of Chivalry. The ceremony was carried out in the vast throne room of Windsor Castle, witnessed only by those privileged by their membership in the Order to attend.

King George touched the shoulders of Princess Elizabeth and Philip and five noblemen with a naked sword to bestow the Order. Also invested were Field Marshal Viscount Alexander of Tunis; Lord Harlech; the Duke of Portland; Lord Cranworth and the Earl of Scarborough.

According to the best documented legend, the Order was founded in 1349. The story says King Edward III was dancing with the Countess of Salisbury when her garter fell onto the floor. The unabashed monarch retrieved it and slipped it to his own leg and cried "honi soit qui mal y pense"—"evil be to him who evil thinks." His utterance has become the Order's motto and is embroidered in the rich gold and dark blue velvet garter.

One of these present reports that the ceremony proceeded to-day in this manner:

The Ceremony

The King called out, "Summon the knights elect." Those to be invested advanced slowly down the long blue carpet of the room. Elizabeth, the youngest ever to be so honoured, curtsied slowly to her father. She wore a Grecian, pink gown. Then the King touched her shoulder with the blade and bade her rise.

Taking the insignia of the Order off the cushion handed to him the monarch fastened them onto the Princess. On her left arm he slipped the garter itself. To her dress he pinned a costly diamond-velvet star. He slung a long blue velvet sash, with its gold pendant depicting St. George slaying a dragon, across her body, reaching from the left shoulder to the right hip.

Finally, the King covered his daughter's shoulders with a rich

blue velvet mantle and over it fastened a golden collar weighing almost 2 lb.

Worth £2,000

The pre-war cost of the insignia was £2,000. Its value as a collector's item is much higher.

Elizabeth joined her mother, Queen Elizabeth, the Dowager Queen Mary and Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands as Lady of the Garter.

Her husband and the other nobleman, whose investiture was similar to that of Elizabeth, became Knights of the Garter.

By tradition, the garter was buckled onto the left leg of each of the men.

Many knights wore second-hand Garter robes. Service uniform or morning dress replaced the pre-war costume with breeches and hose and crimson velvet coats encrusted with gold and lined with white silk. The material shortage has forced a departure from custom.

After the investiture, members of the Garter and Sovereign emerged from the castle into the brilliant sunlight.

The Knights' long blue mantles trailed on the ground and their scarlet plumed cockade hats bobbed in the breeze as the procession made its way downhill to St. George's Chapel for installation service.

The King in his Admiral's uniform, heavily weighted by his sword, led the procession with the Queen.

Life Guards and Royal Horse Guards in their brilliant full dress lined the quarter-mile path to the chapel.

Inside, the King called out, "It is our pleasure for her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth, the Duchess of Edinburgh, to be installed."

The new Knights were joined in the chapel by veteran wearers of the Garter.—United Press.

Shah Flies Plane

Teheran, Apr. 23. Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, said to be the world's only stunt-flying ruler, today inaugurated the Royal Dutch Airline service between Teheran and Amsterdam.

The Shah, in the uniform of an Iranian Air Marshal, took over the controls of the Douglas DC-6 "flying Dutchman" from the airline pilot shortly after taking off and handled the big plane for 30 minutes over Teheran.—United Press.

Czechs, Bulgars Sign Pact

Prague, Apr. 23. M. Klement Gottwald, the Czechoslovak Premier, and M. Georgi Dimitrov, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, today signed a treaty of alliance, friendship and mutual assistance between the two countries.

The treaty, like the other East-West bloc treaties, is for 25 years. The preamble stated that both Governments "convinced that a brotherly approach and close co-operation, conforms to the real feelings of the people of both Slav nations, sees in it an important support for their freedom and independence."

One new article—No. 5—said that both parties would consult in all important international questions touching the interests of both countries.

The preamble adds that both Governments are determined to stand together against any attempt to renew German aggression and imperialism.

The signatories "confirm their unchangeable will to defend their freedom, independence and territorial integrity and to adjust their relationship in a spirit of brotherhood, to secure peace and international co-operation."

KRUPP TRIAL

Nuremberg, Apr. 22. An American war crimes tribunal today rejected 32 defence motions asking for the acquittal of Alfred Krupp, the German armaments chief, and 11 of his co-directors, on charges of spoliation and the illicit and inhumane use of slave labour in Krupp factories.

Two other charges of aggressive war and conspiracy were dropped on April 5 because of insufficient evidence from the prosecution.—Reuter.

Marshall Returns To Washington

Bogota, Apr. 23. United States Secretary of State George C. Marshall flew home on Friday night from the Pan American Conference.

He left the afternoon session after telling fellow delegates that important events demanded his return to Washington.

Prospects for an early adjournment of the conference appeared bright as the delegates tackled the few remaining major items on the agenda.

Although the conference is likely to continue another week, Marshall explained he had stayed in Bogota longer than he had expected because "I felt due to the critical situation here it was necessary that I remain until the most fundamental issues were agreed upon."

Marshall was vigorously applauded as he bid farewell in Spanish wishing the delegates and their people a "steady increase in your fortunes."

In Washington, Marshall's unexpected departure from Bogota was reported to have been prompted by an accumulation of problems demanding his attention rather than by any particular crisis in world affairs. Perhaps the most urgent problem of foreign policy which might have prompted Marshall's return to the Palestine situation.—Associated Press.

Beer--Or Bread? Thirsty German Food Officials' Plea

Frankfurt, Apr. 23. Britain and the United States told citizens of their occupation zones today that they could have beer if they wanted it, but they would have to give up some of their bread for it.

The appeal by thirsty German food officials to end prohibition in Bizonia was recognized by Allied military quarters. The authorities decided the Germans may surrender 500 grams of bread ration coupons for 15 litres of beer.

The Germans have been clamouring to brew beer since 1946. Beer brewing, except for export, was stopped early in 1946 when the Military Government told brewers to use their grain for food.

The Bizonians then watered down the supply on hand and made it last two years. Now the watered-down beer is running low.

Food officials told British and American Bizonia officials that substituting beer for bread would aid recovery in Bizonia, which recently asked for almost one-third of the funds allotted under the Marshall Plan for all Europe.

As the price of each glass of beer is approximately 50 per cent less than the price of bread, they point out, black market bootlegging by the "bibi-bills" of Southern Bavaria would probably stop if brewing were legal.

Muttering Bavarians have been walking out on beer strikes. Last week a group of electrical workers in Bavaria struck because they could not have beer.

Ration Coupons

The Military Government recently vetoed a German plan to start making beer for German consumption. The Germans had not thought of a way to ration it, the Military Government said.

The plan offered today would permit Germans to turn in 100 bread ration coupons for beer chit books.

The Military Government said 50 grams of bread would be equal to about a litre and a half of beer and 400,000,000 litres of beer will wash down Western German thirst in the last four months of the year.

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Wives Leaving

Hundreds of American women and children are leaving tension-ridden Germany and more hundreds want to get out as soon as they can, official records showed today.

An Air Forces survey of its 2,800 occupation families showed that more than 1,500 want to go back to the United States now. On April 19, Air Force Headquarters offered to move them at Government expense and since that date 104 persons have been flown out and 72 other families have packed up and are waiting for plane space.

So far, all Air Forces families have been evacuated by plane under a priority system which gives first rank to pregnant women and mothers with infant children.

Officers running the programme do not believe water transport will be used by families because of the shipping backlog in the American-run port of Bremerhaven.—United Press.

P.O.Ws. TO BE RELEASED

The Hague, Apr. 23. The Dutch authorities in Indonesia will soon release 1,000 Indonesian Republican prisoners of war still in their hands after their "police action" of last July.

The United Nations "good offices" committee in Indonesia announced tonight.

The Republican Government will release 500 Dutch prisoners of war, the Netherlands Government announced.—Reuter.

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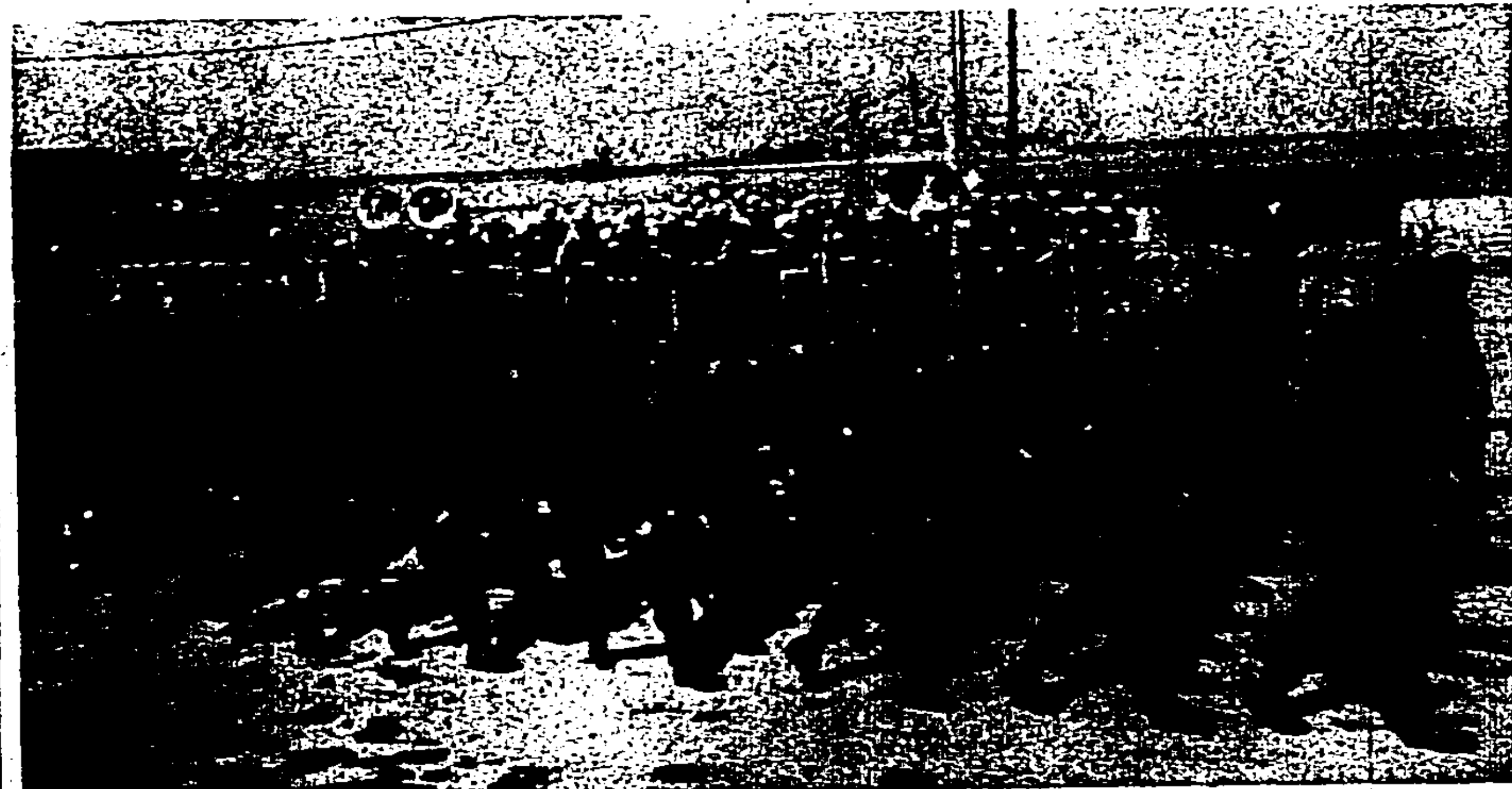
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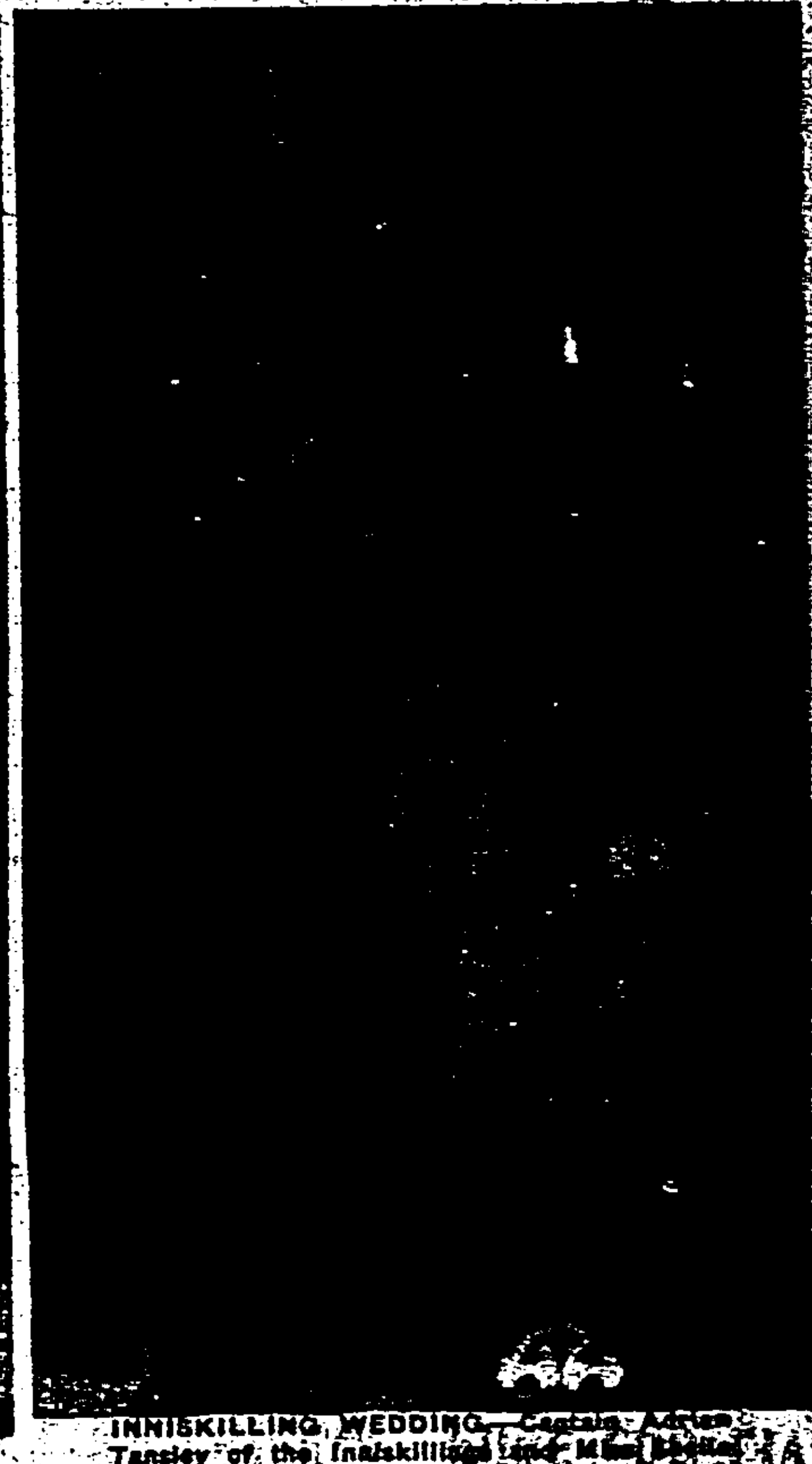
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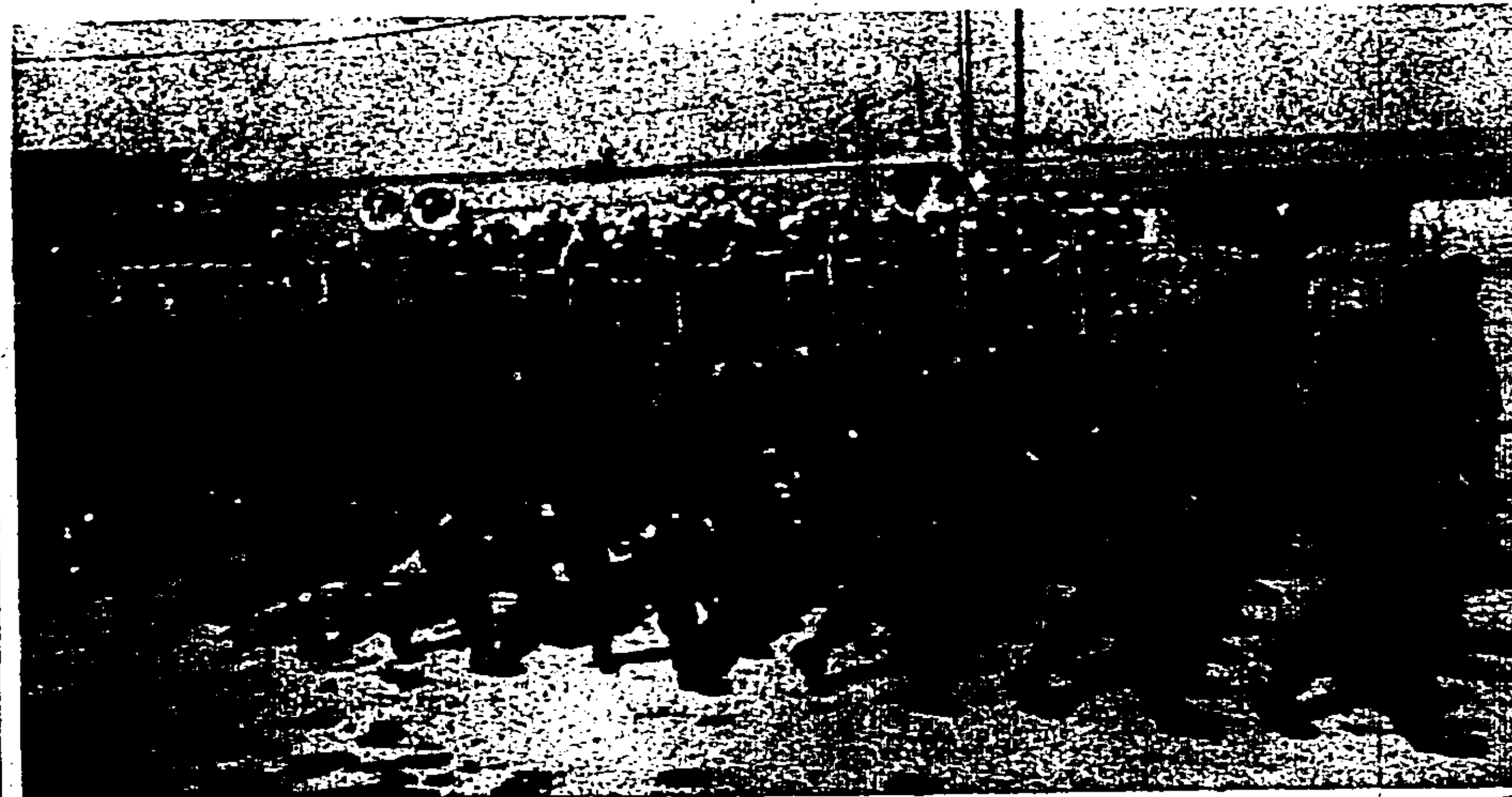
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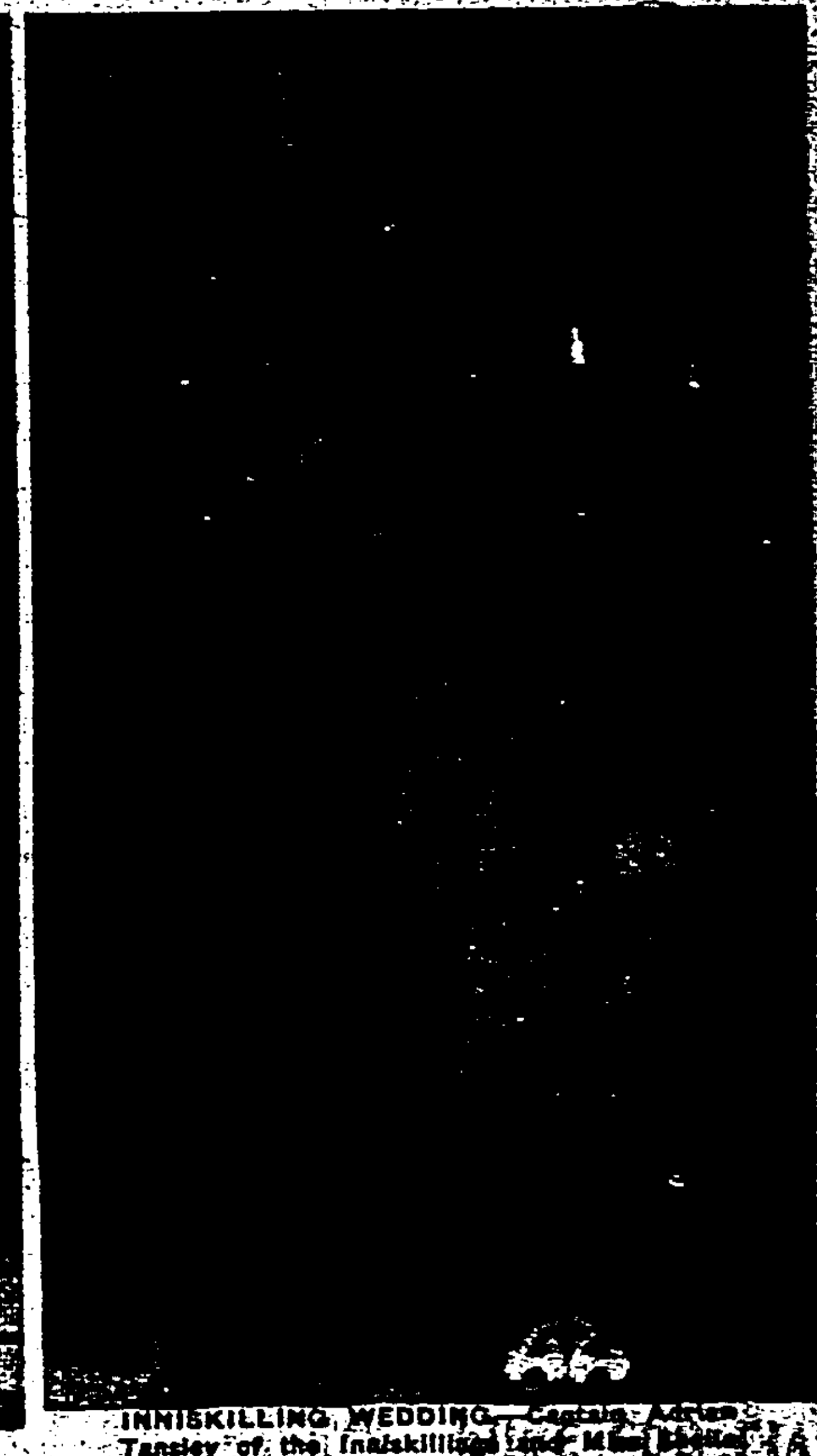
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Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, chairman of the Board of Directors, addressing guests at the opening of the Mill.

The Colonial Secretary was presented with a silver cigarette box to mark the occasion, and is pictured (right) when expressing thanks.



The Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall and the Hon. C. G. S. Follows being greeted at the Mill premises on their arrival.

A group of those who attended the formal opening of the Nanyang Cotton Mill at To Kwa Wap. All the pictures in this page are by the "China Mail" photographer.



Mr. H. S. Yung, managing director, conducting guests round the new Mill, which is the largest in the Colony.



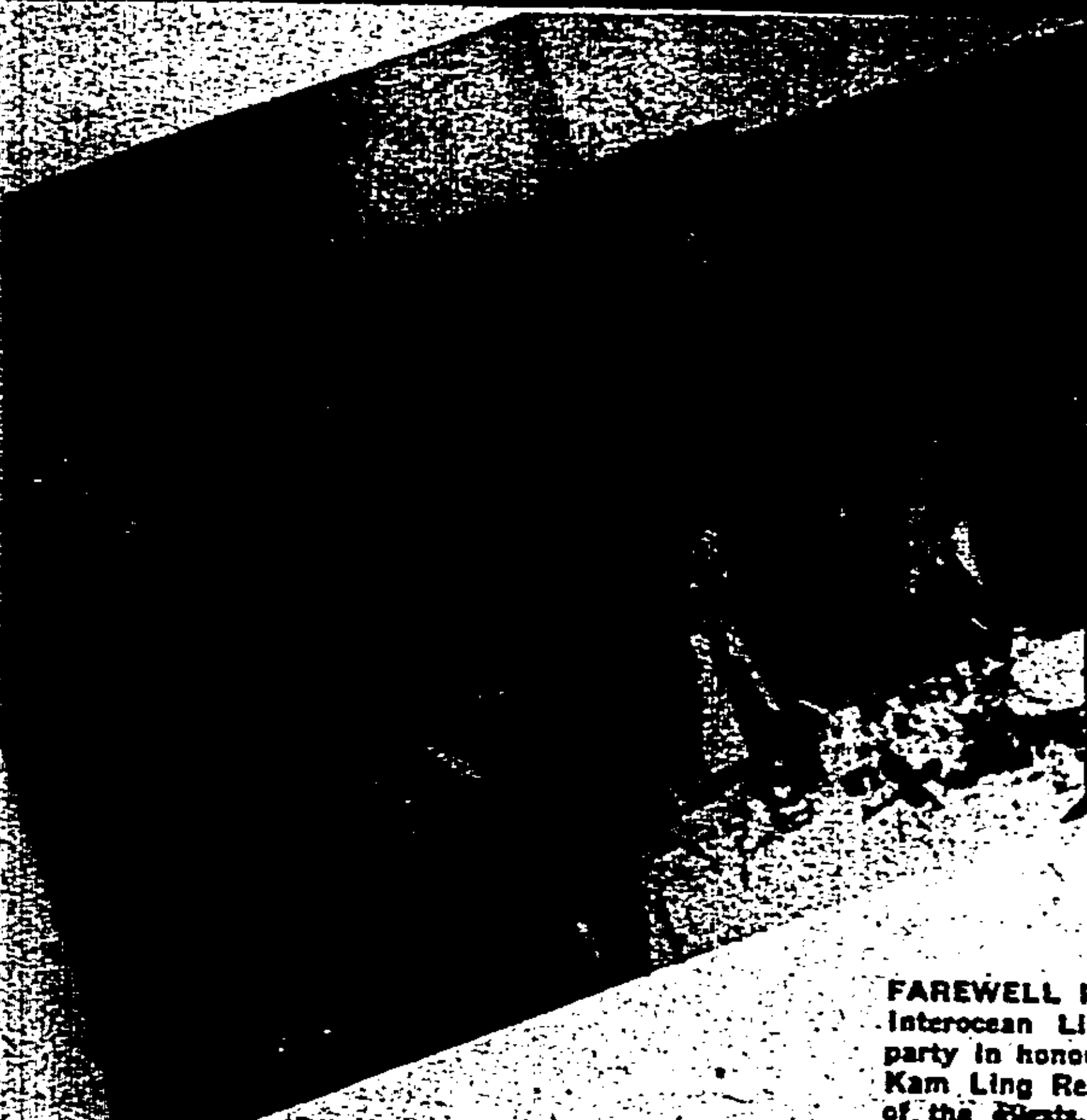


INAUGURAL MEETING.—Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, Chairman of the Employers' Federation of Hong Kong, photographed during the reading of his speech at the Federation's meeting last week.



CHRISTENING.—In St. John's Cathedral on Sunday, the christening took place of Carole Anne Shirley, daughter of Inspector and Mrs. R. B. Davies.

Captain van Vulpen is seen (left) (in uniform) at the dinner given in his honour with Mr. Leung Man King (left), Mr. A. C. Offenbergs and Mr. Ng Chak-wa.



GUESTS.—Among the guests present at the farewell party in honour of Capt. van Vulpen were (left to right) Mr. Oozan, Mr. A. C. Offenbergs (Manager), Mr. Mak Ping (compradors of the "Tjisadane"), Mr. Shun Sang and Mr. P. A. de Loos, (asst. manager).

FAREWELL PARTY.—One of the senior captains of the Royal Intercean Line, Captain H. C. van Vulpen was given a farewell party in honour of his retirement after 32 years at sea, in the Kam Ling Restaurant on Monday. Picture on left shows some of the guests.



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THE PROMS

This week's Proms Concert from ZLW is perhaps more "severely classical" than its immediate predecessors, though that does not mean it will be stodgy or depressing! As a matter of fact, it is made up of three of the finest works ever written—Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony, Beethoven's Piano Concerto in C minor and his Leonora Overture No. 3.

Last Sunday's Proms seemed to impose pronunciation difficulties on the announcer—or was he a bit tired. There shouldn't be much trouble with that this week, though of course it is possible to go wrong with the "z" in Mozart and the "ee" in Beethoven.

Mozart

One of the most wonderful pieces of music ever written, Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony (No. 41 in C Major, K.551) was his last symphonic work. On the "human interest" side it is noteworthy not only because he composed it at a time when he was in desperate financial straits but also because he completed this great symphony, and two of almost equal stature (No. 39 in E Flat and No. 40 in G minor) in the short space of six weeks in mid-1788.

These three works have been described as "a trilogy of happiness, melancholy and strength....(containing) between them the quintessential features of symphonic art; perfect models for all time, both architecturally and emotionally." At the same time they do not fall into the more or less simplified categories of other great symphonies. It is almost impossible to describe any of them with some brief phrase or appropriate title—for even "Jupiter" is not exactly felicitous.

Unlike many works which start off splendidly and do not live up to the promise of their first or second movements, the "Jupiter" is a classic example of progress towards a magnificent climax in the finale. The last movement consists almost entirely of a fugal and imitative treatment of five main themes. These are treated separately—often by inversion—and then, after an almost bewildering development, are subjected to the most ingenious combinations. Each instrument in the orchestra contributes its logical quota of sound, in proper, orderly sequence, and the result is a breath-takingly beautiful finale to a great symphony.

Beethoven (I)

Beethoven wrote five piano concertos, and tonight's is the Third (Op. 37); the soloist is Solomon—not Iturbi, who has made an interior recording of the same work. Composed in the same year as the Second Concerto and probably after his First Symphony, it marks a major step forward in his powers and intensity of expression. More about this in a moment.

Although those privileged to hear it for the first time probably did not appreciate what great strides forward were symbolised by this Concerto, today we can but be amazed at what the composer achieved in this one work.

The first movement, for instance, used bold, commanding terms such as had never been heard before. No composer who preceded Beethoven—and I'm not so sure of any since—was ever able to command such thoughtful, lyric phrases for the adagio movement.

The rondo finale, though perhaps less striking than the earlier movements, is profoundly interesting, for two main reasons. On the technical side, the theme originally heard in 2-4 time in a minor key is changed most happily into a major key and 6-8 time, with the result that what was forceful and biting becomes gentle and good-humoured.

The other point, linked with this, is that the work was written just as Beethoven was passing from what von Lenz calls his First (or youthful)

Period into his Second (or mature) Period. As Sir George Grove points out, in the finale we "almost surprise the change of style in the act of being made!"

Beethoven (II)

For his opera "Fidelio, or Wedded Love" (Op. 72), Beethoven wrote several overtures. He began work on this opera in 1803 and took a great deal of pains over it. He left behind a sketchbook, a thick oblong volume of 348 pages, with 16 staves to the page, which among other things contains less than 18 distinctively different beginnings to Florestan's air "In des Lebens Frühlingstagen" and 10 to the chorus "Wer ein holds Weib."

The opera was first produced in three acts in 1805 with "Leonora No. 2" as the overture. A post-mortem discussion followed the performance, and it was decided the opera was too long; it was reduced to two acts and re-produced the following year with the overture "Leonora No. 3." It was still unsatisfactory, and more revising resulted in its appearance in 1814 with (at the second performance) the overture in E. The overture in C (Op. 138) was composed for a proposed performance in Prague in 1807. This is now called "Leonora No. 1," although on the revised first-violin part Beethoven himself wrote that it was just a "Charakteristische Overture."

Anyway, to get back to tonight's work, "Leonora No. 3." This is of the genuine operatic overture school of thought—i.e. overtures whose music is partly of wholly a précis of the main themes of the opera to come. This is not always the case with operatic overtures, as may be seen in Rossini's "Barber of Seville" or Mozart's "Cosi fan tutte," to name but two at random.

"Leonora No. 3" is perhaps one of the noblest of all overtures. If you know your "Fidelio," you will, I think, agree that Beethoven uses the themes of his opera in masterful fashion. What could be more dramatic than his handling of the trumpet call which heralds the opportune arrival of Don Fidelio? What passage for woodwinds can surpass the effect of that lovely entry for the flute and bassoon?

THE HAMMOND

I was wrong when I said that the latest "Grove" makes no mention of the Hammond organ. Donald Fraser points out that the Supplementary Volume does give it almost a whole paragraph on Page 191, under the heading of "Electro-phonetic Instruments." I'm afraid I looked it up under "Hammond" and "Organ" only!

SCHOLARSHIP I

The ESCO Foundation for Palestine composition scholarship for study this summer at the Berkshire Music Centre, Tanglewood, Mass., has been awarded to 29-year old Herbert Bruen, of Tel Aviv, by the American judges Leonard Bernstein, Henry Cowell, Ethel S. Cohen, Frederick Jacobi, Wallingford Riegger and Stefan Wolpe.

The scholarship includes transportation to and from Palestine and the Berkshire Music Centre, room and board during the six-weeks' session, tuition cost for the post-graduate course, and admittance to all concerts, lectures and general activities at the Centre.

SCHOLARSHIP II

The second annual music scholarship of US\$1,000, donated by the conductor Paul Lavalie, has been announced by the National Federation of Music Clubs, which will administer the scholarship, says a United Press message from New York.

The award is to be extended over a 2-year period for study only by a talented, worthy student contemplating a professional career, who could not otherwise finance his musical education.

The contest this year is open to students of the voice, piano, violin and cello.

HOROWITZ

Vladimir Horowitz drew the usual packed house a few weeks back at his annual piano recital in Carnegie Hall, according to word reaching me from New York. All seats had been sold months before and a special stand, like "bleacher seats," was set up on the rear of the stage. In all, about 3,000 people were accommodated—the maximum permissible by law.

The audience was rewarded with a masterly exhibition by a musician who seems to grow in stature with the years. At the end of the concert, there was a unanimous refusal to leave the hall. No one moved and Horowitz was brought back for successive encores until he mopped his brow and smilingly declined to go on any further!

J.C. MURRAY

John Creighton Murray, a young American violinist, has been signed on to make a long-deferred recital tour of the United States in the autumn. Murray has been playing in Europe for the past 18 months and has proved to be something of a sensation. He has been acclaimed in England, Ireland, Belgium, Holland, Italy and other countries as "a genius."

Somewhat oddly, Murray has not been heard to any great extent in his native country. He made a successful debut at Town Hall, New York, in 1941 and then volunteered for the U.S. Army. His career was thus interrupted until 1946, when he was discharged with the Army commendation ribbon for meritorious service. He had given more than 1,500 performances for 2,000,000 fellow soldiers.

His tour this autumn will be under the management of the National Concert and Artists Corporation.

THE "MET"

The Metropolitan Opera Company of New York is now presenting its revival of Wagner's "Ring" cycle, which has been missing from its repertory for the past two seasons. One reason for this hiatus was the fact that the 30-year-old sets were shabby and falling apart.

The Opera Guild undertook to raise US\$100,000 for new sets and staging and barely a month later this sum had been raised in its entirety—more than half of it in gifts of from \$1 to \$10 by individual members of the guild. The remainder came in larger donations and from benefit performances of "La Boheme" and "Don Giovanni."

Interest has centred more on the settings than on the usual competent artists. Lee Simonson's new settings have caused a division of opinion. No one can deny that they are fresh, different and interesting.

Nevertheless, some of the Old Guard are disappointed. The old settings, to which they were accustomed, strove for realism and spaciousness. The new ones tend to symbolism, are stylised and faintly "modernistic." The rocks don't look like rocks but streamlined suggestions of them. The essential Wagnerian conception of space and height is constricted. The latter may be a matter of expediency, as the company is going on its most extended tour in 43 years this spring, and some of the stages to be used are smaller than the Met's; transportation problems are also simplified.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Lack the sense of smell.
2. Whirlpool.
3. Full-blooded game-cocks used in cock-fighting were said to have no white feathers.
4. They are awarded annually by the trustees of Columbia University on the recommendations of the Advisory Board of the School of Journalism at Columbia, which was founded and endowed by Joseph Pulitzer.
5. General Albert W. T. Orsborn.
6. Geometry.
7. Hugh Grotius, a Holland jurist.
8. Wilhelm Miklas.

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Health Page

A Doctor Discusses His Cases

"There's something wrong with my heart" said Malcolm Havigall as he sat in the patient's chair this morning. "It's been playing up all the week-end and I thought I'd better see you at once."

"What makes you think your heart is affected?" I asked.

"I can hear it," said Malcolm, "particularly when I put my head on the pillow. It's reached the point where it's disturbing my sleep."

I listened to his heart, mapped out the heart's boundaries, asked a few questions, took a deep breath and told Malcolm there was nothing wrong with his heart.

"This is the third time you've seen me about yourself in six months," I said. "The first time you thought you were anaemic because your face seemed pale. I arranged a blood count and the result was satisfactory. The next time you thought your kidneys were upset because you had queer little nigglings in your back and you thought you had difficulty completing emptying the bladder."

"We examined all that thoroughly and found the genito-urinary system in perfect order. Now we've found the heart in perfect order. You're a lucky person and remarkably healthy for your age. Not many people at 50 could come through these tests and the others I've given you with such flying colours."

"Well," said Malcolm, slowly and sullenly, "what's causing these unpleasant sensations I keep getting. Do you think I imagine them?"

"No," I said. "You don't imagine them. They're always there. Most people ignore them. You're passing through a worrying period and you are alert to many sensations which usually you would accept without question."

"Your mind is focused on yourself, your worries, and, therefore, your sensations. Your troubles bring you fears and these fears are translated into bodily symptoms."

"Sounds a bit far-fetched to me," said Malcolm in a displeased voice.

"This psychological side of medicine all sounds far-fetched until you begin to study it," I said. "Fear is a disease in itself."

"The body can't be divorced from the mind; emotions, whether shock, anger or fear, have a decided effect on our over-all sense of well-being."

(MONDAY)

Heat Can Cure

"You should give that plenty of hot-water bathing," I told Phyllis Banks this morning when she showed me an angry-looking cut on her hand.

"We're awfully busy just now," said Phyllis. "Couldn't you give me something to put on it? It's not easy to get hot water any time of the day."

"No," I said. "I couldn't. It wants cleaning up. Put some methylated spirits on it between the bathings, but it wants constant heat."

When the patient left, Margaret, the secretary, wanted to know what special virtue heat had. "I know - it often eases the pain," she added.

"Heat can produce some deep-seated effects," I replied. "It increases the flow of healthy blood to the injured part and surrounding tissue. That, in itself, to promote healing."

"Why should the blood flow be increased by heat?" asked Margaret.

"Heat causes expansion. The blood vessels are dilated and blood comes along in greater quantities and more easily," I replied.

(TUESDAY)

Protecting Baby

"We're all well except that one of the children has whooping cough," said Mrs. Edford complacently, in answer to my inquiry about the family health, when she came to pay an account this afternoon.

"They haven't had whooping cough before, so I suppose they all have to get it. Anyway, best have it and get it over?"

"Do all you can to keep the baby out of the range of infection," I suggested, "even if it means keeping him in isolation or sending him away."

"But," protested Mrs. Edford, "if they're going to get it, isn't it better to get it young?"

"No," I said. "Whooping cough is a dangerous disease in the first year or two of life."

Mrs. Edford wanted to know if she could have the baby immunised. I said it was certainly worth while. No harm should result and positive good might accrue.

(WEDNESDAY)

Too Many Spots

Bill Griffard fought in World War I and when it ended he was in his early thirties. Unmarried, he lived a variable existence till the start of World War II. How he managed to get into the Forces a second time, despite his age, is his own affair.

This evening, after examining him and getting some information about his present method of living, I said: "You're not nearly as young, or as good, as you used to be, Bill. Don't pull your own leg. It's time you stopped having so many spots and took to having decent, regular meals. Your

Anatomical Mystery

From the days when physicians practised blood-letting as the universal cure-all, the medical profession had been cagey about the common back-ache.

Family doctors and pricey specialists generally had made vague and cautious diagnoses, could seldom offer a cure.

Backache was one of the anatomical mysteries.

But this week two University of California medical researchers announced a discovery which might help doctors to find a cure.

The researchers, foot specialist Dr. Veane T. Inman and anatomist Dr. J. B. De C. M. Saunders, said most back-aches were caused by forces which made a person a half to three-quarters of an inch shorter at day's end than in the morning.

The telescoping effect of the body's weight and motion on the shock-absorbers in the spine caused this shrinkage, reported the researchers in the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.

They explained that the spinal shock-absorbers — intervertebral discs to doctors — were layers of cartilage between the vertebrae.

Each layer had three parts — an outer capsule, a soft centre which was 80 per cent water, and a set of firm, elastic fibres called ligaments, which bound the disc to the bone.

The researchers found the ligaments provided the real shock-absorber.

Normal pressure on an intervertebral disc in the lower back was about 30 pounds even when a person was lying down.

When upright and active the weight and motions of the body could increase this pressure to "astounding figures."

The pressure squeezed some of the water out of the soft cores, the compression shortened the spine.

Under high pressure the ligament springs might begin to squeak. Weakened by fatigue, they could not snap back. Their tissues might bulge here and there, causing pain. Or they might be worn through age, lack of resilience and become painful because they were no longer equal to the load put upon them.

The ligaments were highly sensitive to pain, Inman and Saunders said.

The experimenters suggested that doctors should look oftener at the discs for the cause of backache.

stomach trouble is the result of the way you ill-treat it."

"I look after myself well," said Bill, in an injured voice.

"Bachelors living alone don't tend to do that as a rule," I said, "or else they look after themselves too well. You're suffering from morning sickness."

Bill looked alarmed and I asked him if he had heard the tale of the general who, not feeling well in France, sent a message to a Harley-street doctor friend, saying he was "troubled each morning with nausea and occasional vomiting bouts."

"So what?" asked Bill.

"He received a letter saying the two outstanding causes of such a condition were pregnancy or excess alcohol the night before, and suggesting the Brig make his own diagnosis and apply appropriate treatment," I replied.

"Ah, well," said Bill with a sigh, "perhaps there's something in what you say. I'll give it a go."

(THURSDAY)

New Version

Toothy morsels... from this week's reading:—

Warning: "Dental caries is the commonest disease of civilised people."

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Our Serial Story

MURDER IN THE BLUE ROOM

THE STORY THUS FAR: Don Free, private detective, had been retained by alluring Mary Reynolds, to protect her following threats against her to cease going with Jerry Gorton, proprietor of the Sun Club, a cafe society resort. She suspects Ellen Gray as chief rival for Jerry's affection. At police headquarters, Don learns Ellen has no record, but she has been concerned in some crime investigations. Don visits her apartment, attempts to grill her, and she calls for a thuggish looking "Sam." When about to close with the latter, Don is blackjacked by Ellen. GO ON WITH THE STORY:

CHAPTER III

When Don Free sat up, his head was aching and the objects in the room were distorted. He took it slowly, rising and walking shakily to the nearest window. It was better when he got it opened. The room was hot.

His head was cut and swollen; after a few minutes he found the bathroom and used cold water on it. There was a small bedroom and he went into it. Odds and ends, empty bottles, paper, were about. But no personal things remained. He went back into the living room and looked around. He said thickly: "Furnished place—rented that way. Had her stuff out, or hasn't had anything here for some time. Gone, of course."

Don went over and stood near the window. He turned his back, looked at the cracked ice in the tall glass. His hat was lying on the carpet, near a wall; it looked as though it had been kicked there. He went over and lifted the glass, tasting the liquor carefully. It seemed like bad Scotch.

He closed the window, went over and picked up his hat. He put it on carefully and breathed thickly: "Black-jack—and the kid knows how to use it."

Free close the apartment door carefully, went down in the elevator, got a cab. When he entered the small, outer room of his office, Beth Liner looked up from the book she was reading, widened her dark eyes, and asked, "What happened? You look as though a truck hit you."

"It felt almost as bad," Don agreed. "Get Harry Sayne for me. Get him right away—tell him to come over fast." Then he said, "A woman black-jacked me."

"A woman!" Beth exclaimed. Free sat down heavily in the chair behind his desk. He touched his head gingerly. "I didn't say a lady," he replied. "Have you got Harry yet?"

She tried three numbers and got Harry. Then she came into the office, went close to Free and looked at his head, as he mused: "I'd like to know why she slugged me, Beth."

Miss Liner used parts of a first aid kit in dressing Don's head until Harry Sayne arrived. Sayne was short, stocky, sad-faced. His eyes and hair were brown, his hands big.

"Accident?" he asked. "I wasn't looking where she was going," Free answered. He smiled at Beth. "Thanks, Kid—run along outside and keep the crowd out of here."

She went outside and Sayne sat down. Free began. "It's something about Mary Reynolds."

Sayne look thoughtful. "The million-dollar baby with all the good looks," Harry said after a few seconds. "The one you turned your ex-boss up for."

Free nodded. "They had her framed into thinking she'd killed a guy," he said. "I got her unframed. Now it's something else. She likes a fellow named Jerry Gorton."

Sayne widened his eyes and parted his lips. "Gorton," he repeated. "The Sun Club boss."

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"That's him," Free said. "Well, Mary likes him and another girl likes him. The other one told Jerry she'd kill Mary if Mary didn't stay away from him. Mary didn't. She's had to phone booth calls from some man. He says she'll get herself killed if she doesn't be good. So she sent for me. I went down to see the other girl, name, Ellen Cray. She was sore at first, then she hollered for a guy called Sam and told him she'd been insulted. He made a hip pocket reach and while I was doing the same, Ellen blackjacked me. When I came to, they both were gone. So was my Colt. So was their personal stuff."

Sayne sighed as Free went on: "Mary Reynolds is going to the Sun Club tonight—at eleven. You'd better be there. I suppose Gorton will be there, too."

"The Cray girl won't, Sayne growled."

Free smiled grimly. "Why not?" he asked. "I got into her apartment under false pretenses. I insulted her, and she slugged me. Would I have her pinched and make a fool of myself?"

"She might be worried about something else," Sayne suggested.

Free half closed his eyes. "I don't hit women," he breathed.

Sayne shrugged his broad shoulders. "Maybe she doesn't know that," he remarked.

Don said, "Anyway, you be around. Keep one eye on Mary Reynolds and the other on Ellen Cray. You know Mary. The Cray girl has red hair, cut short. Small blue eyes. Nice figure. Sam is built something like you. Red face, gray hair and eyes."

Sayne stood up. "Need another gun?" he asked.

Don shook his head. "Got a couple at home. But I liked the one they grabbed."

"Fool play—slamming you down," Harry muttered. "Put the Cray girl in bed."

Free shook his head again. "I'm not sure it was a fool play. Just can't figure what she did it for."

Sayne looked at the carpet. "Might just have got sore and wanted to hit," he suggested.

Don rejoined: "Who knows? But the main point is, Harry, that Mary Reynolds' life has been threatened unless she takes certain advice. She isn't taking it. That's where we come in."

Sayne said: "Right—eleven at the Sun Club."

Don smiled. "Easy on the drinks—they're a buck and a quarter a lift."

Harry grinned. "But the Scotch is good." He waved a hand and went from the room. Then Beth came in and said huskily: "You used to be able to handle agency stuff without getting knocked around."

He winked at her while yawning. "Times change."

"The Reynolds girl again?" Beth asked.

"Again," he said. "She's a sweet child, and not too dumb. But even the bright ones can get hurt."

She looked at his head. "Yes," she agreed. "Why did a woman slam you?"

His smile went out of his gray eyes. "I insulted her," he replied. "I told her she shouldn't have Mary Reynolds killed."

"What's she want to kill Reynolds for?" Beth asked.

MORE NEXT WEEK

The Man Who was New York

PETER QUENNEL'S BOOKSHELF

Readers who, arm-in-arm with Rusty Charley, Harry the Horse, and Sam the Gonoph, have made many adventurous expeditions down the world's ugliest, noisiest, and most brightly lighted thoroughfare will welcome the appearance of Damon Runyon's *Short Takes*, to which Don Iddon has contributed a biographical foreword.

True, Broadway is little in evidence. This is a more restful Runyon, whose chief mouthpieces are "Our Old Man," a paternal philosopher with pointed advice to provide on practically every subject, and "Joe Turp," who lives in the depths of Brooklyn, returns home punctually to "my wife Ethel," and helps her wash the dishes, or pushes the twins around in their baby-buggy before admiring neighbours.

Joe Turp is excellent value, particularly when Ethel, otherwise the best of young women, starts to ask him questions and he is left struggling in the wide ocean of female muddleheadedness. But the domestic virtues seem somehow not quite Runyon's cup of coffee; and I cannot help regretting Joe's more raffish predecessors—the guys and the dolls on whom his author's fame rests.

Tear-Jerkers

As for Runyon in a sentimental mood—Runyon covering the President's funeral or delivering himself through Joe Turp of a homespun pacifist talk—all may be fair in love and war and journalism; but there are some essays in commercial tear-jerking that should never, never be reprinted!

Of greater interest than most of these pieces good though a number of them are, is Don Iddon's account of the strange and restless man who wrote them.

Damon Runyon was a hundred-per cent. New York; and when he died a celebrated war-ace, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, took his ashes up in a plane; then, swooping low among the skyscrapers, scattered all that was mortal of him in a fine cloud across the wild Manhattan landscape.

During his life, though he lived for a time in Florida and Hollywood, Broadway was his real home. There he dwelt with the people he described in an atmosphere of black coffee and incessant cigarettes, wandering to and fro between restaurants and night-clubs, talking and listening to stories, till he returned to pass the small hours of the morning in conference with his typewriter.

That patient machine earned him tremendous profits, and Runyon spent them lavishly—on prize-fighters, who generally folded up, and horses which also ran, and on accumulating and keeping supplied an immense and sumptuous wardrobe.

At the end he had more than 200 suits, costing never less than £50 each, counted his overcoats by the dozen, and possessed a gigantic repertory of expensive and dazzling ties.

Same-Old Round

Such was Runyon in his hey-day, when a hideous and deadly disease suddenly attacked him. Though it deprived him of the power of speech it did not curb his energy; and night after night he revisited his usual haunts, where he took his share in the conversation with a pencil and a scratch-pad, mute and ghostly but still undefeated, amid pandemonium and cigarette-smoke.

The rest was silence—and the somewhat macabre ministrations of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker. If there is moral here, it is as difficult to discover as in the best of Damon Runyon's short stories.



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Answers in Column 4.

World Spotlight:

NURSERY BABEL

If you find your French homework hard—comfort yourself by thinking about the three to five-year-olds in a nursery school in New York where 10 languages are spoken, and where each child can do his lessons in at least one language as well as his own.

The United Nations nursery school at U.N. Headquarters at Lake Success is for the children of delegates and officials. Their parents in the big committee rooms nearby have to have official interpreters and automatic translating devices, but these kids from many nations understand each other fine without them—a good deal better, in fact, than the grown-ups.

Of course, sometimes it's difficult. One small Russian boy doesn't speak a word of English, but he gets a lot of help from a Swedish girl, who speaks French, and an Indian and a Chinese boy, who speak English carefully, but know all the difficulties.

(From Barbara Wace, New York).

LIMEY FROG

While digging in a limestone cave on the Glenelg River, near Mount Gambler, Mr. J. E. Hutcheson came upon a live albino frog entombed in a large block of limestone. The frog only had a very small space in which to turn.

It had become so white that it was difficult to distinguish it from its limestone tomb. After being freed, the frog stayed with its finder for several days, then it hopped off into the bush.

The Director of the South Australian Museum (Mr. H. M. Hale) said that it was impossible for the frog to have been in the limestone since it was formed.

(From Alice Dawson, Sydney.)

Send your entries to Auntie Vee, SUNDAY HERALD, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

AT MY TYPEWRITER . . .

Although the first Mystery Prize has been won, this does not stop the competition. All those who have stars already can still count them for the next Mystery Prize. So if you have some stars—or even if you haven't—send in more contributions, and you will have a chance for the next big Mystery Prize. But the work must be original and marked "All my own work."

The poem "The Clocks I Know", which was sent in to me by Lim Shu Wah and published in the Children's Page last week, is not his own work. He therefore forfeits the stars he won for it. Please, boys and girls do not copy other people's work, for this page or at any other time.

Happy days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

Children's Page

WINNER OF THE MYSTERY PRIZE!

The Mystery Prize has been won at last!

Master Rayburn Lim (12), of 15 Cameron Road, Kowloon, gained his last three stars two weeks ago for his "Story of India." Before that he won four stars for a poem we published called "Jack Frost", and later he won three more for his "Christmas Story."

Rayburn is a member of The Herald Companions' Club. (He didn't send us a photograph with his entry form, so we cannot publish one today!) His favourite hobbies are collecting bus tickets, reading books and comic cuts, and playing sports. His numerous entries indicate that his choice of books is varied.

And the Prize itself? Well, here it is:

We are going to send Rayburn along to the Gainsborough Studios, specialists in children's photography to have a portrait study taken, and present him with three salon-size copies.

We hope you like it, Rayburn! Congratulations on your very good efforts. Keep on with the good work.

PASS WORDS

Pass words usually form a pair. Some are common, some are rare; There are many that I know

Like: "Sun and Moon" or "Rain and Snow"

"Dry and Wet" or "Black and White",

"Small and Large" or "Wrong and Right",

"Sour-Sweet" or "Thick and Thin",

"Noisy-Silent" or "Out and In",

"Clear and Cloudy", "Weak and Strong",

"Cold and Hot" or "Short and Long",

"Dumb and Wise" or "Smooth and Rough"—

DON'T YOU THINK THAT IS ENOUGH?

(David Gomezze (15), of Hong Kong, wins **.)

MY PETS

My first pet was a rabbit, And her name was Jill; One day the poor thing ate something Which made her very ill.

My second was a kitten, She suited her name, Fluffy, And when I tickled her on the chest She always got very huffy.

My last pet, and my favourite, Was a Labrador, named Syn, And when I was in need of her, I always called her in.

(Suzanne Hewson (10), of Kowloon, wins **.)

Down: 1. Red, 2. East, 3. D.O.T., 4. 7. 1st, 10. 11th, 11. Street. Across: 1. Redmen, 5. Ost, 6. D.S.O.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

JAMES and JOHN

Once upon a time there lived two naughty little boys, whose names were James and John.

At the back of their house was a huge cherry tree, bearing lovely cherries. Mr. Brown, the father of James and John, had grown the cherry tree himself, and was inclined to be very selfish about it. Nobody else but he was allowed to have any cherries from it.

One day, after he had refused cherries to James and John, they were seen whispering together now and then. This was a bad sign, for it meant that they were planning some new trick.

One afternoon, James and John were seen coming in the gate. James was carrying a bag of little round red chillies, and both were looking pleased with themselves. Mrs. Brown had gone to tea with a friend, and Mr. Brown was returning from his beloved cherry tree with a bag full of cherries.

As soon as James and John saw him they grinned to each other, and hid behind a bush. Just then the telephone started to ring, so Mr. Brown put down his cherries and went inside to answer it.

When he had disappeared, James ran out and exchanged the bags, and then they waited to see what would happen when their father came back. Mr. Brown came out and thrust his hand into the sack, and filled his mouth with what he thought were cherries. Suddenly his face began to turn all colours, first purple, then blue, then red, then white.

"AH!" he exclaimed, spitting out the chillies, "no more cherries for me." With that he strode inside to get a glass of water for his burning mouth. As soon as he was out of earshot, James and John laughed until they couldn't laugh any more. The next day Mr. Brown gave them the cherry tree, and now they can have cherries whenever they want them.

(Wilma Watson (10 1/2), of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, wins **.)

Word Wisdom

Handle (handl): That part of a tool or dish which is meant to be held in one's hand and used for lifting.

Imperial (imperial): Belonging to an Empire, especially the British Empire. An imperial law is a law which is used in all the countries of an empire.

Monk (munk): A man who is living alone for religious reasons; or a man who belongs to a religious group and lives in a monastery belong to that group, taking vows that he will never marry and never try to make money for himself.

Nun (nun): A woman who takes the same vows as a monk, and lives the same sort of life, promising never to marry.

Pelt (pelt): (1) The hide of an animal, such as a goat, bear, etc., with the hair left on. (2) To throw stones or heavy objects at another person.

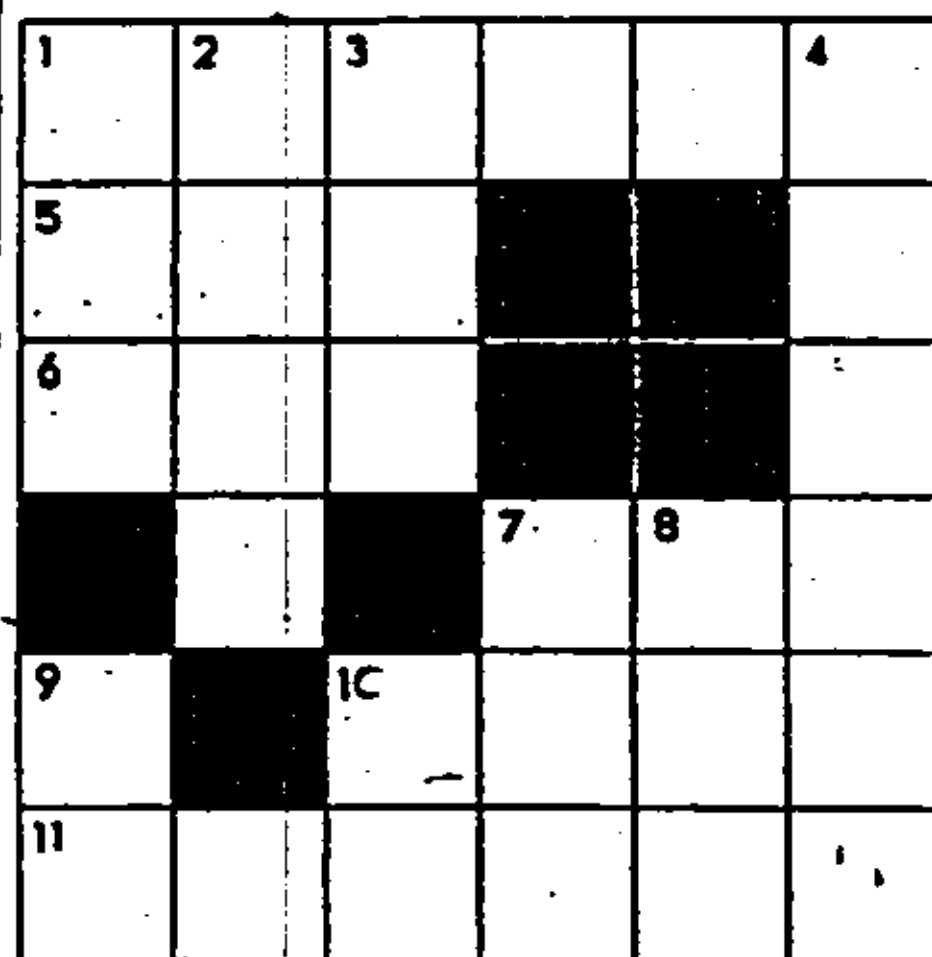
Penitent (penitent): Being sorry for something you have done wrong; or a person who is sorry for doing harm to someone else.

Period (period): A measurement of time which has no definite length. To say "For the period of a year" means "lasting for twelve months."

Saddle (saddl): A leather seat which is strapped on to a horse, in which the rider sits.

FUN WITH A CROSSWORD

Try this crossword puzzle, just for fun. There are no prizes, so if you cannot work it out turn to Column 2



CLUES

ACROSS

1. American Indians (coll.)
5. Popular Scottish cereal.
6. Decoration for valour.
7. Drop behind.
10. Legend.
11. A cleared, flattered pathway.

DOWN

1. A hollow stick.
2. Cardinal compass point.
3. District Transport Office (abbrev.)
4. Zero.
7. Strong alkaline solution.
8. To have eaten.
9. Conjunction.
10. Main Road (Hebrew).

Solution in Column 2.

SORT OUT THESE JUMBLED WORDS—

The Jumbled Words puzzle is for little girls who have gardens. Can you work out the names of the flowers below? If not, turn the page round and read the answers, upside down.

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JUMBLED WORDS ANSWERS
Violets, Pansies.
Hyacinths, Lavender,
Camellias, Daffodils,
Bluebells, Mignonette.

QUOTATION CUTS

"You are old, Father William," the young man said,

"And your hair has become very white;

And yet you incessantly stand on your head—

Do you think, at your age, it is right?"

"In my youth," Father William replied to his son,

"I feared it might injure the brain;

But now that I'm perfectly sure I have none,

Why, I do it again and again."

"Alice in Wonderland"

—Lewis Carroll.

1. Greece
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3. Poland
4. Italy
5. Norway
6. Switzerland
7. Peru
8. England
9. India
10. Iceland
11. Denmark
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Talking about Films

BRITAIN'S "OSCARS"
BY FRED MAJDALANY

Today Britain's film producers and their stars know just where they stand with the people who keep them in business — the people who queue to see them at the Odeon up the road or the Regal round the corner.

For the third year the public has had its say, through the National Film Award, in deciding the best British film (in this case of 1947) and the best actor and actress in any British film of the same period. And it proves to be a bigger say than ever.

In a record poll of 2,781,751 votes (577,212 more than last year) Margaret Lockwood, securing 27 per cent. of the poll, remains No. 1 actress for the third year running, but James Mason, after sharing top of the list with her for two years, drops to No. 3.

John Mills (second choice in 1946, but ineligible last year because there was no Mills picture in the running) shoots up to top place with 36 per cent. of the poll.

For the second successive year a Herbert Wilcox production heads the film list. Last year it was "Piccadilly Incident"; this year it is "The Courtneys of Curzon Street," starring the same team of Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding, who maintain their positions as runners-up in the individual awards. The film accounts for 19.5 per cent. of the poll.

The winning film and stars will each receive a Silver Star trophy, to be presented on behalf of The Daily Mail by Lord and Lady Rothermere at a private supper party at the Dorchester, W., on May 10.

The National Film Award was introduced in 1946 to acknowledge the new world status of British pictures — a status established in the stress of war-time production—and to give cinema-goers a voice in nominating their favourite stars and pictures.

It is significant of the cinema public's growing discrimination—the drift away from the old habit of just going to the pictures, whatever the programme—that, although attendances have dropped 10 per cent. over the past year (in the peak war years they rose to 33,000,000 a week; now they are down to about 25,000,000), voting in the National Film Award has increased in inverse ratio.

The first Award attracted 547,767 votes. Last year the organisers aimed optimistically at 1,000,000 votes, but the total turned out to be 2,204,539. This year they have put that record behind them.

For five weeks the people voted—in the foyers of 2,000 cinemas, on ballot

papers appearing in The Daily Mail, Picturegoer, and Picture Show, and by post from 23 countries outside Britain.

For nine weeks (seven with overtime) 16 accountants have been checking those votes with all the care accorded a political poll. Any doubtful-looking paper was put aside for further check, and many were finally rejected—744,024, in fact, compared with 250,000 last year. Incorrect filling-in was mainly to blame.

FILMS

The first ten films of the eligible 56 are chosen in this order:

The Courtneys of Curzon Street.
Great Expectations.
Odd Man Out.

Jassy.

A Matter of Life and Death.

Holiday Camp.

The White Unicorn.

October Man.

It Always Rains on Sunday.

Frieda.

And the stars? This is how the first ten in each case compare with last year's choice:

ACTORS

This Year	Last Year
John Mills.	James Mason.
Michael Wilding.	Michael Wilding.
James Mason.	Stewart Granger.
Dennis Price.	Rex Harrison.
Stewart Granger.	Michael Redgrave.
David Niven.	Eric Portman.
Trevor Howard.	Trevor Howard.
Jack Warner.	Sir Ralph Richardson.

John McCallum. Roger Livesey.

David Farrar. Rober Donat.

Now see how one year has reshuffled the runners-up to that leading pair Margaret Lockwood and Anna Neagle.

ACTRESSES

This Year	Last Year
Margaret Lockwood.	Margaret Lockwood.

Anna Neagle. Anna Neagle.

Patricia Roc. Ann Todd.

Jean Simons. Phyllis Calvert.

Google Withers. Celia Johnson.

Joan Greenwood. Patricia Roc.

Sally Gray. Jean Kent.

Mal Zetterling. Deborah Kerr.

Valerie Hobson. Vivien Leigh.

Phyllis Calvert. Lilli Palmer.

The surprise about James Mason is not so much his fall from top of the poll to third but the remarkably high place he still holds in the public's esteem despite the almost Chaplinesque rarity of his films these days. He can still command 84,565 votes.

Patricia Roc makes a big come-back in popular favour. Last year she dropped to sixth place in the list; this year she climbs back to her 1946 position of third.

Stewart Granger also goes farther down the list. For two years running he was No. 3. This year he is No. 5 and Dennis Price becomes his new challenger for heart-throb honours, sharing fourth place with that dangerous little picture-stealer Jean Simmons.

I haven't the space to go into a long dissertation on the difference between the male and the female sense of fun. Especially as this involves the further problem of whether the female sense of fun exists at all.

So I will merely say that "Miranda", a mild little physiological joke about a mermaid, will amuse men more than women.

Any schoolboy not wholly educated by Dick Barton should be able to guess what might occur if a Harley-street doctor brings home a mermaid, caught on a fishing holiday, and tries to keep her a secret.

Crates of pilchards for her to eat raw; glasses of salt water in lieu of Martinis; her preference for sleeping in cold baths; dresses the new length plus a yard to conceal her tail her delight with every male encountered and vice versa; the suspicion of wives who have been told by the doctor that she is a crippled patient.

Nothing that is not fairly obvious has, in fact, been thought up. What

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might have been a witty, satirical fantasy stays quietly in the smoking-room and an atmosphere of furtive male guffaws.

It is agreeably acted by Glynis Johns as the mermaid, and by David Tomlinson. Who is becoming a first-class light comedian.

"Walesapoppin'" would do as an alternative title for "The Three Weird Sisters" showing in London, — a creepy film about three old crones, one blind, one deaf, and one with claws (Nancy Price, Mary Clare, Mary Merrall), who try to bump off their weird half-brother in their weird Welsh house for his money. Weirdest of all, poet Dylan Thomas is part-author of it. I felt pretty weird too.

Current Shows

KING'S.—The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. With Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo. Danny Kaye at his most brilliant best.

QUEEN'S.—The Strange Love of Martha Ivers. With Barbara Stanwyck, Van Heflin and Elizabeth Scott. A new tune on an old theme.

LEE.—The Moon and Sixpence. With George Sanders and Herbert Marshall. Suave and slick as the Somerset Maugham story.

ALHAMBRA.—Mutiny On The Bounty. With Clark Gable and Charles Laughton. A re-issue of an outstanding film.

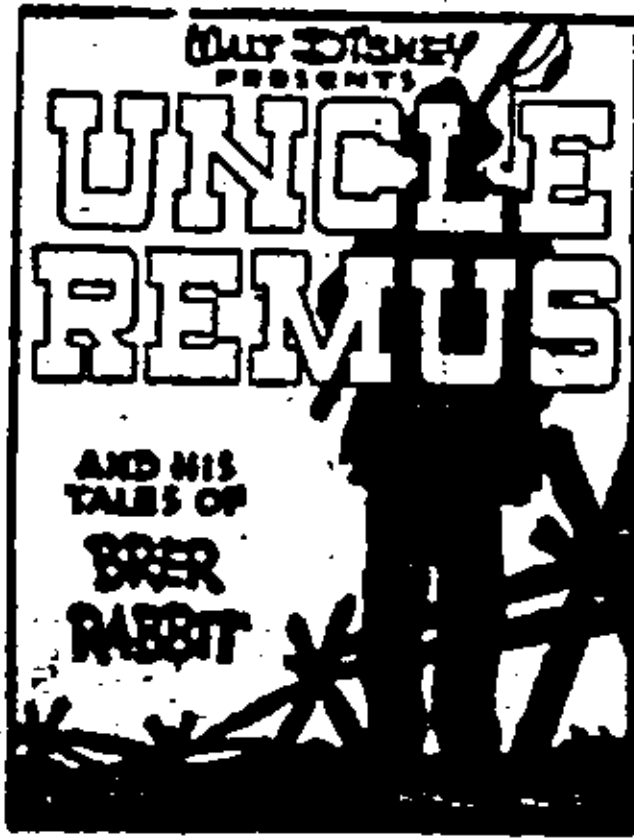
MAJESTIC.—Carnival In Costa Rica. With Dick Haymes, Vera Ellen, Cesar Romero and Celeste Holm.

QUIZ ANSWERS

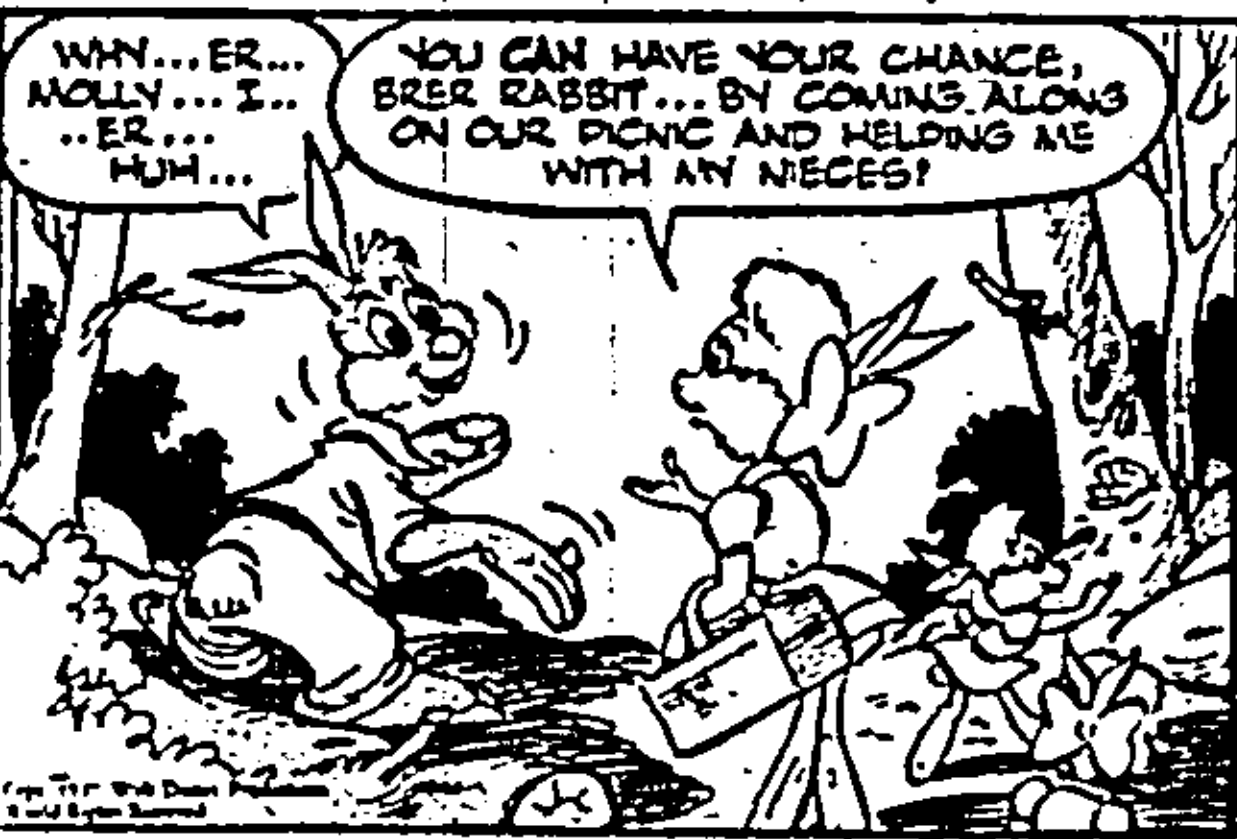
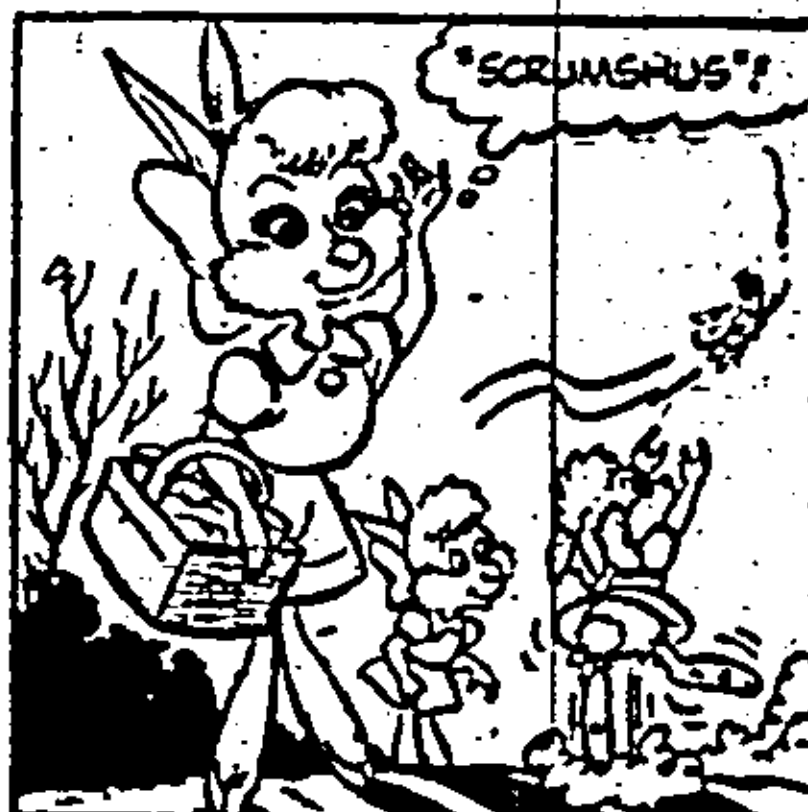
1. Millionaire sportsman Bob Topping. (19.4.48).
2. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. (20.4.48).
3. Eniwetok Atoll, in the Marshall Islands. (20.4.48).
4. Wednesday, April 21. (22.4.48).
5. It was caused by a good wishes telegram from Labour members of Parliament to Signor Pietro Nenni. Communist-supported Socialist leader contesting the Italian elections. (22.4.48).
6. Italian Premier. (23.4.48).
7. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Lord Harleck, Lord Cranworth, the Earl of Scarborough and the Duke of Rutland. (23.4.48).
8. Haifa. (23.4.48).

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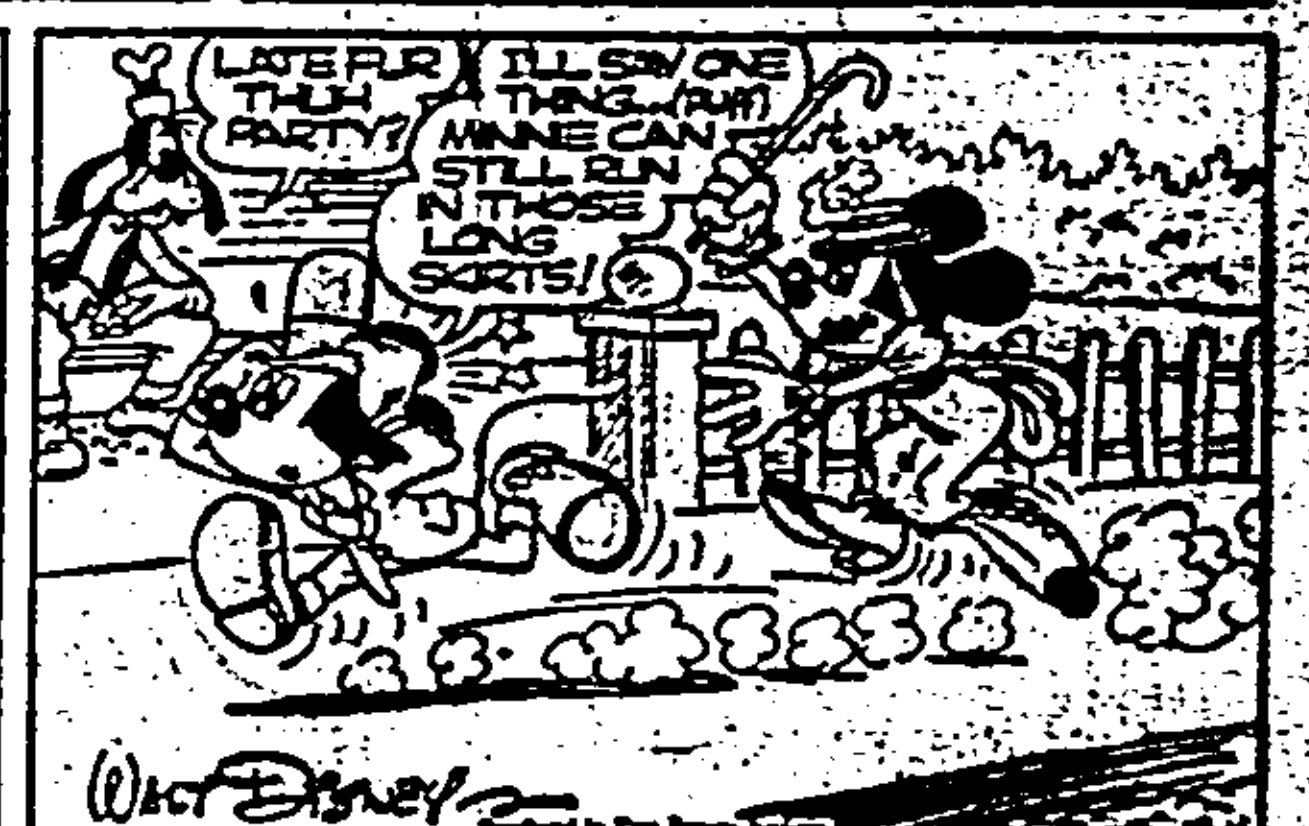
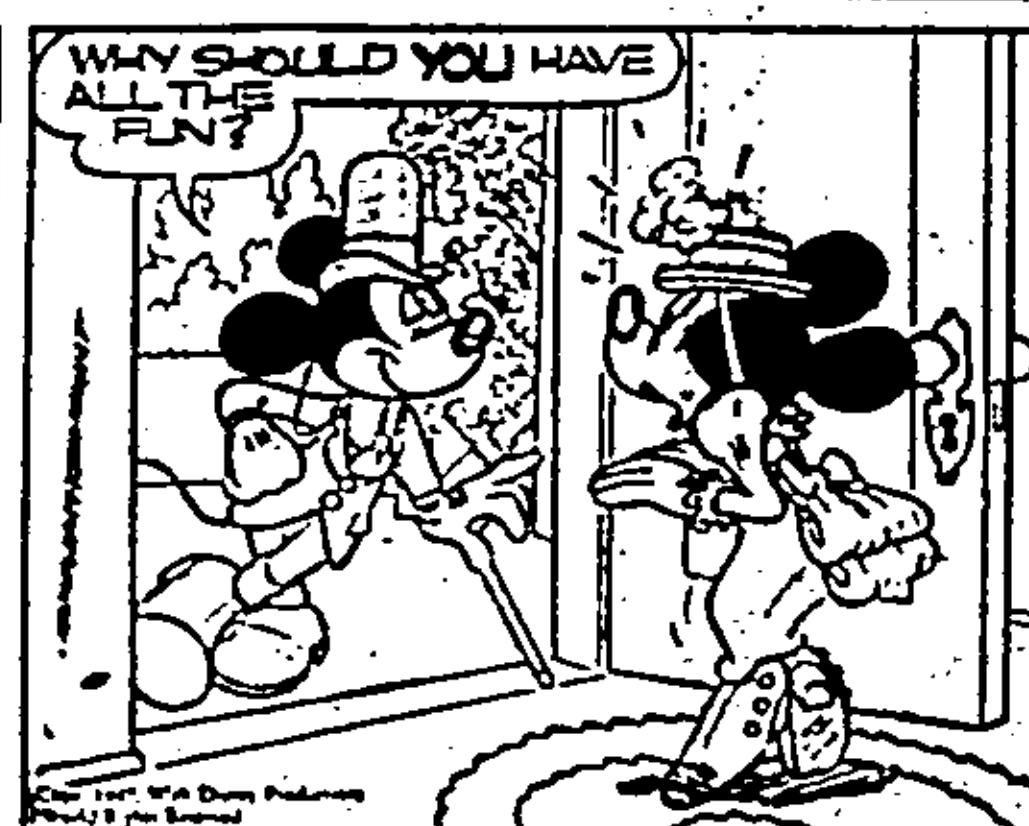
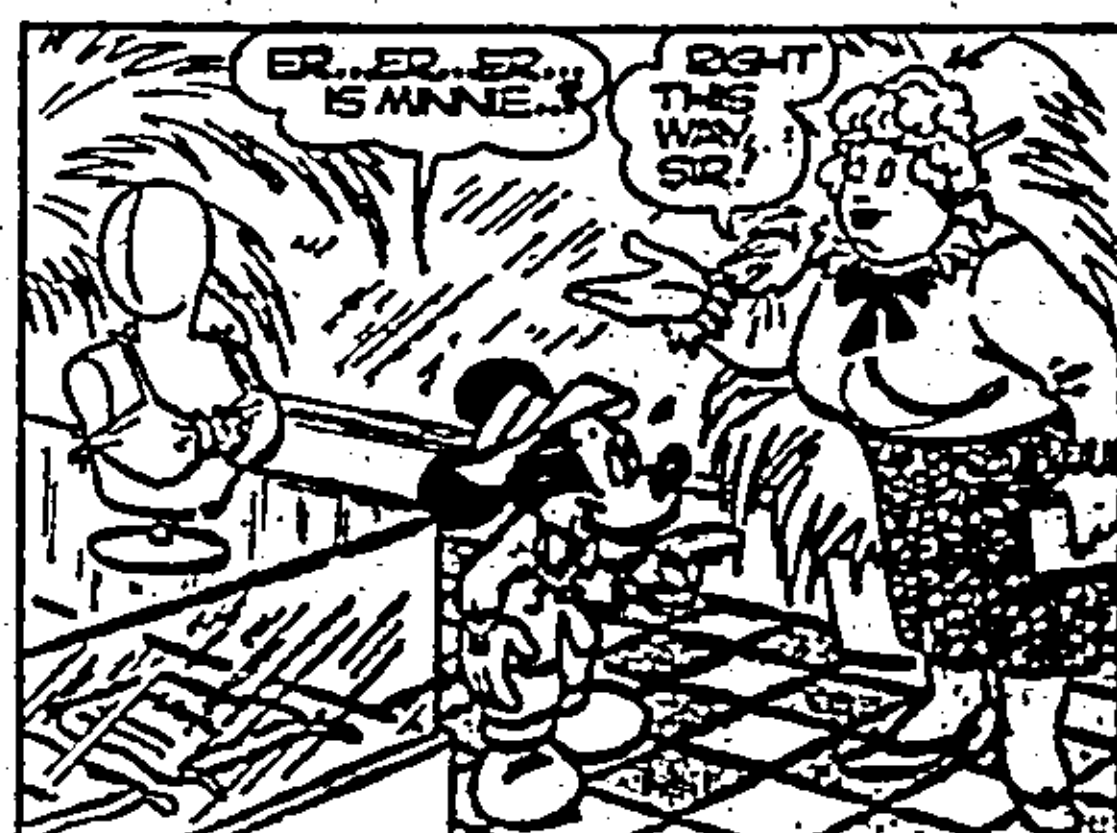
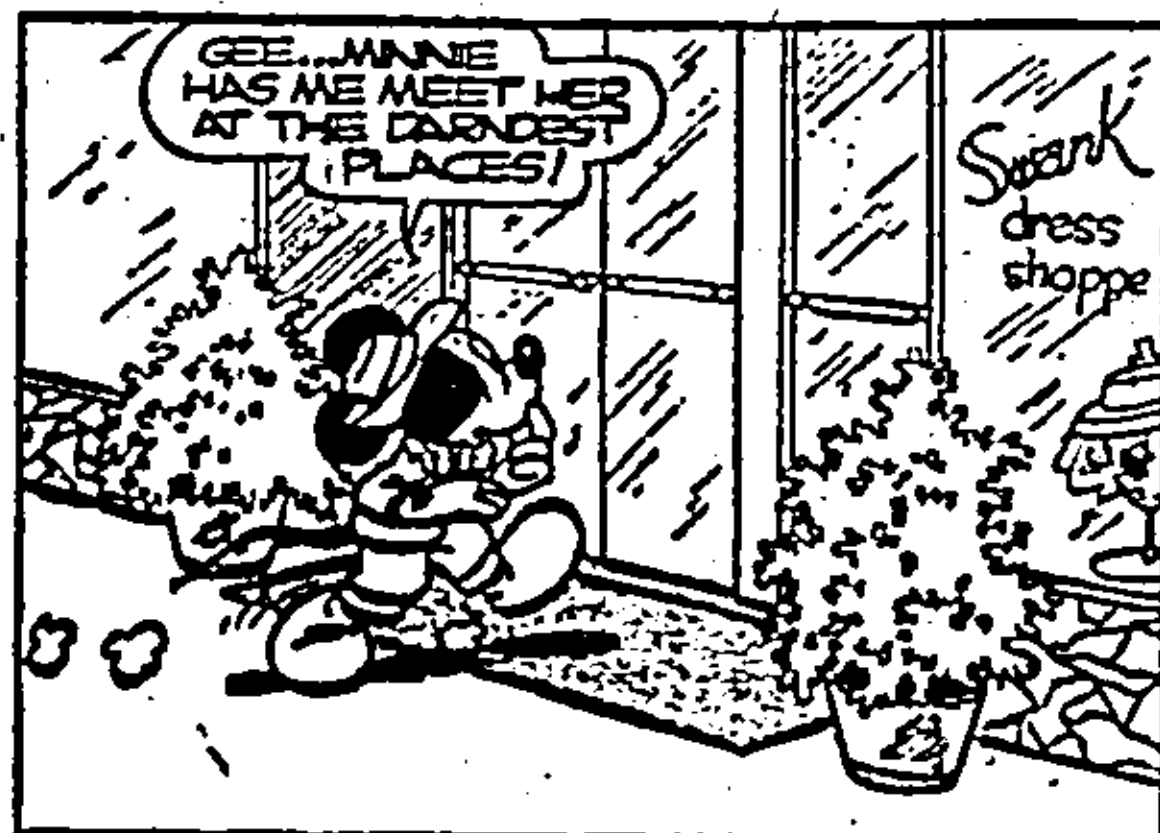
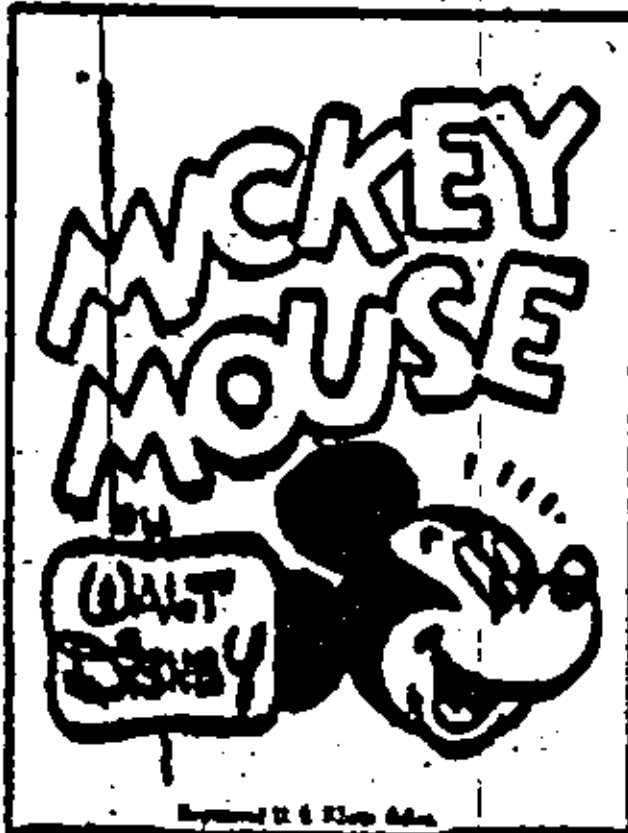
SCUMSHUS IS THINGS WHAT HOOKS TOGETHER WITH WISHES! (continued)

MERRY MOMENTS:

Father: Remember, my boy, it's the early bird that catches the worm.
Son: Yes, but the worm was early, too.
Father: Oh, he was coming home from the night before.

Q: What are the differences between a bald-headed man, an orphan boy, and a monkey's mother?
A: The bald-headed man has ne'er a hair apparent.
An orphan boy has ne'er a parent.

The monkey's mother is a hairy parent.
Teacher: Robert, what is cow's hide used for?
Robert (after thought): Please, teacher, to hold the cow together.



SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE SECTION

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All The Elements Of Detective Fiction SCIENCE FINDS THE CLUES

—By George Dilnot—

author of "The History Of Scotland
Yard" and a leading British
authority on criminology.

Criminal investigation has long ceased to be a single-handed affair with a lone detective pulling off a spectacular coup. Just as unlikely, on the other hand, is that dramatic conception of a scientist who, with eye glued to the microscope, deduces from a single strand of hair that a man is 30 years old, has blue eyes, walks with a limp, is left-handed, has a taste for the drama and likes kippers for breakfast. Something like both these things may happen—but they are exceptional.

The truth lies somewhere between these extremes. The investigator in the field and the scientist in the laboratory are members of a team. One may be working on the attempt to form a pattern, the other on some apparently trifling detail of that pattern that may bring the whole thing into focus and perhaps send a guilty man to the gallows.

Although advanced training courses for detectives are run at a number of Forensic Science Laboratories in Britain, it is obvious that the whole field of scientific criminological research cannot be completely covered by lectures. Indeed, scientists themselves specialise in different branches, which again have countless sub-divisions. One expert has classified 1,700 specimens of hair; another has written a learned monograph on lead pencils.

Trifles

Nevertheless this link with science enables the detective to identify potential clues or evidence that might otherwise escape his attention. I have known a burnt matchstick, a tiny fragment of dirty cloth, a spot on a wall-paper, become of dominant importance. Under the spectrograph a speck of paint, a trace of metal from a bullet, may tell a tale that would be invisible even under microscopical examination. An alteration in a document, or the use of a different ink, may be betrayed by the use of infra-red light or ultra-violet rays—many a spy realised this too late during World War II. A small piece of fibre, perhaps found beneath the fingernail of a murdered person may, under scientific examination, prove to have come from some garment worn by the murderer. These are examples of the things that the detective with scientific training refers to the specialist.

A woman was murdered in Manchester and a few hours later a suspect

was arrested. There was no apparent trace of blood either upon his clothes or his person. This was very odd because, although the police were convinced that they held the right man, the room in which the crime had been committed was bespattered with blood and it was difficult to see how the assailant could have avoided some marks. In fact, he had bathed with scrupulous care and carefully changed every scrap of clothing. But under one of his nails was found the slightest trace of a brownish substance. Under test this was shown to be blood of the same group as that of the victim. This was the final piece of evidence that brought about a sentence of death.

The Limitations

The investigator should know the limitations as well as the possibilities of science. Actually, there is no conclusive scientific test that will identify blood as from a particular person but it can be definitely ascertained as from one of four groups. The proportion of people in each group differs, so that in a matter of suspicion the field may be narrowed. For instance, a supposed murderer may have a stain on his clothes which he says was caused by a cut on his finger. If it is demonstrated as belonging to a different blood group from his own he has lied. It may then well be awkward for him to explain the lie as well as the stain. If the blood of the victim is of that rare group restricted to three per cent. of the population, and it is similar to the stain found on the suspect, the weight of the circumstantial evidence against him becomes stronger, even though it may not in itself be sufficient to convict.

Identification of the weapon from which a bullet has been fired sometimes goes more than halfway towards

identifying and convicting a murderer. Fire-arms have naturally been the subject of particular study in this respect. When a police constable was shot dead by motor thieves whom he had stopped to question in a lonely lane, a cartridge case, later found in an abandoned car, corresponded with the calibre of one of the bullets that had killed the officer. It had been fired from a Webley pistol.

Now, when a pistol is fired the cartridge case is subjected to great heat and immense pressure as it comes in contact with the breech-shield. Thus, any marks made in manufacture, or caused by wear and tear, on the breech-shield, are imprinted on the cartridge case. Experiments made with 1,300 weapons in this investigation showed that these marks, sometimes little more than file scratches, differed in every case. It was demonstrated that the odds against two weapons resembling each other in this respect were, for practical purposes, nearly as great as that of individual fingerprints resembling each other.

Damning Evidence

So the cartridge case became a damning piece of evidence when the murderers were, shortly afterwards, run down, and one of them was found

to possess, among other weapons, a Webley pistol with marks on the breech-shield that were proved to match exactly.

The work of Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the Home Office pathologist, who died recently, has become almost legendary in scientific criminal investigation. I shall conclude this sketch with one curious episode in which he was concerned which has the elements of a mystery story.

Camp Mystery

In a camp hut a soldier was found dead after a rifle shot had been heard. An inquest was held. No post-mortem was thought necessary and a verdict of suicide was recorded. The body was buried. It was after this that suspicions against another occupant of the hut were aroused and he was arrested while further investigation took place.

The dead man had been found lying on his back covered with bed-clothes, and there was a bullet wound through his left cheek. A service rifle was lying by the bed. Now, by the nature of the wound, death, or at any rate paralysis, must have been instantaneous. Certain points were worked out. The dead man was 171 cm. tall, and the rifle, from the muzzle to the trigger was 106.6 cm. long. It was possible to estimate by the blackening round the wound how many centimetres away the weapon was when fired.

Thus it was shown that the dead man could not possibly have pulled the trigger with his finger. Nor could the rifle have been discharged by his foot pressing the trigger, for paralysis would have prevented him replacing his foot under the bed-clothes. So it was shown that suicide was out of the question, and the arrested man was ultimately found guilty of murder.

QUICK LOOKS AT BOOKS

THE BIG SKY, by A. B. Guthrie. (Boardman, 12s. 6d.)

American writers, including Ernest Hemingway, have given this first novel an enthusiastic send-off.

It is certainly a vigorous piece of story-telling, though its pioneer hero, Boone, remains throughout broadly typical, and never quite achieves the stature of an individual human being.

But the background is splashed in with uncommon skill and gusto—a picture of the American North-West between 1830 and 1843, when trappers and traders and settlers were still fighting against the Indians and fighting among themselves, and vast herds of buffalo wandered at large, in endless clouds of dust, across the open Western plains.

IN THE FORESTS OF THE NIGHT, by James Riddell. (Hale, 15s.)

Admirable photographs of African flora and fauna, accompanied by explanatory and anecdotal letterpress.

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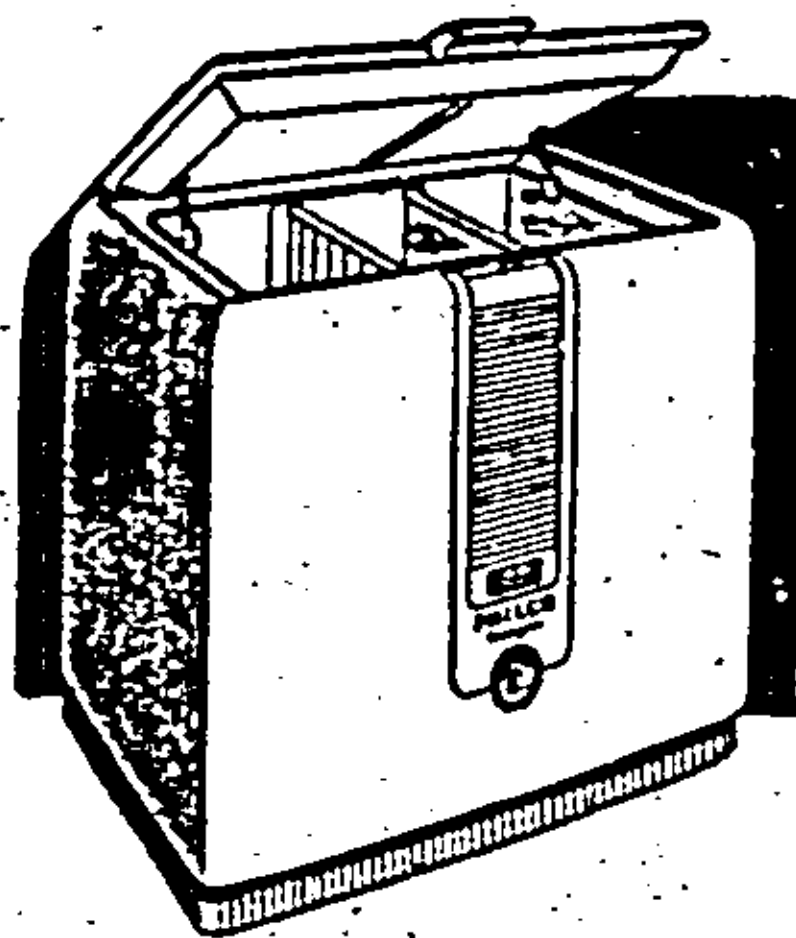
The gorillas, alas, whom the author pursued through the Equatorial forests with camera and trip-wire, proved much too shy or sensible to have their pictures taken.

LATE HAVE I LOVED THEE, by Ethel Mannin. (Jarrolds, 12s. 6d.)

The story of Francis Sable, a distinguished writer who renounced the world. Ethel Mannin at her best—or worst—according to your previous estimate of this industrious writer's talent.

Body and Soul, by John Brophy. (Harrap, 15s.)

A barnacle attached to the flanks of his gigantic subject, John Brophy displays more pertinacity than imaginative insight. Much of the writing is flat and prosy; while so enormous is the theme he has selected that many of his sub-sections are spoiled by rather scrappy treatment.



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A possible explanation of why the nations of the world never seem to come to any very definite conclusions about anything, Elinor—it occurred to us suddenly while trying to come to a definite conclusion about getting our hair cut—is that the diplomats are always in such a hurry.

The British Ambassador called on Mr. Molotov, and remained with him for 20 minutes. We are always reading. Or "Mr. Flott, who arrived at Le Bourget early this morning, left for Rome by the afternoon plane. While in Paris he had an important talk with M. Bidault which lasted for half an hour."

Were we a diplomat, girl, a mere half-hour's talk on the fate of the world would get us nowhere at all. We couldn't even buy a hat in that time, and, heaven knows, we're not very fussy about our hats.

"Well, goodbye," we should say reluctantly, long before we had explored half the avenues. "We do hope most sincerely that our meeting has been frank and cordial."

And then we would hurry away down the corridor, wondering what was gnawing us, until we got to the lift. Then it would come to us in a flash, and we would swing round on our heel and hurry back again.

"Incidentally, about that base," we would say, putting our head round the door. "You know, the one you want to fortify in the Pacific. Well, that's all right by us. We'll send you on the agreement in due course."

And then off we would go once more until, suddenly, the wretched Ground-nuts Concession would occur to us. In five minutes we should be back again, blushing like a fool.

"Sorry to keep bobbing in and out so erratically," we should say apologetically, "but we're a couple of ninnyes, aren't we? We've clean forgotten those damned nuts!"

And so it would go on, we imagine, until at last we were officially recalled.

Of course, for all we know to the contrary, Elinor, it may go on like that now. Indeed, it wouldn't surprise us in the least if our Mr. Eh? Oh, sorry.

It is related of the old Earl of Bidenden, who was renowned for his great courtesy and tact, that one day his butler, the famous Stagers, came to him in the gun-room where he was seated after dinner and said confidentially: "A person wishes to speak to you on the telephone, your Grace."

Whereupon the Earl, who was what is called nowadays "a good mixer," promptly rose and took the receiver.

"Hullo, he said quietly.

"Hullo, Early," answered the unknown voice.

"My name, sir," said the Earl coldly, "is not Early."

"What?" exclaimed the unknown voice. "You're not Early?"

"Certainly not, sir," said the Earl.

"Then in that case you're either absolutely punctual or infernally late!" retorted the unknown voice, and rang off.

This so annoyed the old Earl, who in his day was the finest shot in the country, that he returned to the gun-room in absolute silence and sat down again with great dignity.

[From "Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Woman," E. Nesbit Press, £3 3s.]

The week's news in headlines (classified for the puzzled foreigner)

Humans on Poles

"JEWS WILL BE RATIONED"

Landfalls and Departures

"MARGARINE SAILS HOME"

Heavy Contraband

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SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1948.

Over to You

NEWS QUIZ

1. Blonde beauty Lana Turner, after two unsuccessful attempts, is off on another marriage jaunt. Who is she planning to wed this time?
2. The Chinese Assembly this week elected by an overwhelming majority their first Constitutional President. Who is he?
3. So secret that even the press was left standing, the fourth test of an atomic weapon was carried out recently by U.S. authorities. Even the type of weapon was not specified. Where with this "At-bomb" dropped?
4. Princess Elizabeth celebrated her 22nd birthday this week. What day was it?
5. Britain's Labour Party has instituted an investigation of the "Nenni Incident". What is the Nenni Incident?
6. Signor Alcide de Gasperi gained an overwhelming majority in the week-end Italian elections. What is his new position?
7. Can you name five of the nine noted Britons who were received, with Princess Elizabeth, into the ancient Order of the Garter last Friday?
8. Jewish Hagana forces have captured one of the most important cities of Palestine. What is it?

(Answers in Page Two)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Does a person who is anosmic (a) shun human society, (b) have visions; (c) lack the sense of smell?
2. What is the common name for a maelstrom?
3. The old phrase, "Showing the white feather" has become almost lost under a mass of psychological data which cannot permit anybody to be just plain scared. How did the white feather come to indicate cowardice?
4. The Pulitzer Prizes in Journalism and Letters are awarded only for high merit. The prizes were established by the late and great Joseph Pulitzer, but do you know what committee awards them?
5. Who is the present head of the International Salvation Army?
6. If you happen to be studying Euclid, what subject are you studying?
7. This should trip some of you: Who is known as the Father of the League of Nations?
8. It's a long time ago now, but do you remember who was the President of Austria at the time of the Nazi seizure in 1938?

(Answers in Page Four)

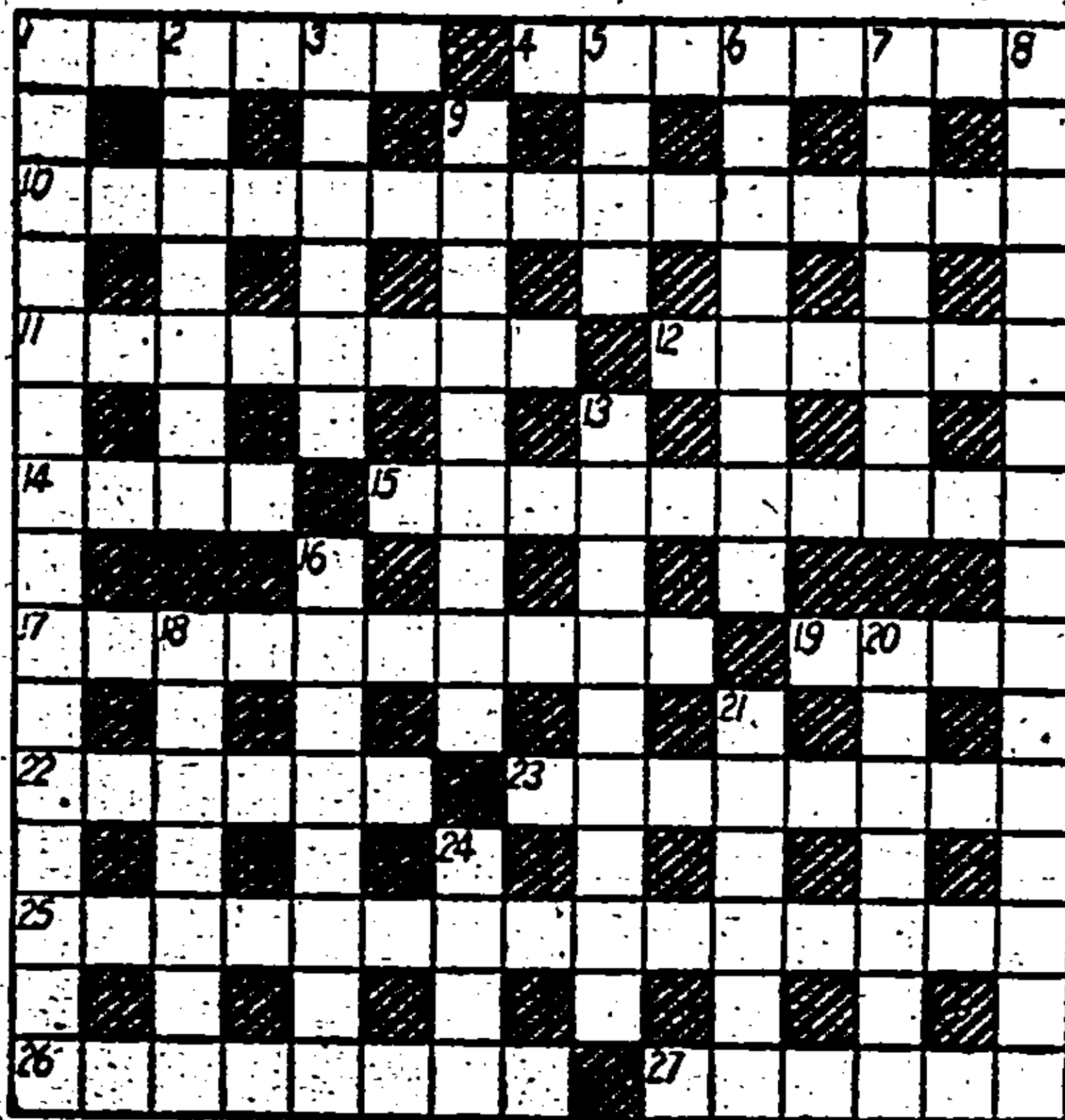
THE SUNDAY HERALD CROSSWORD No. 53

ACROSS

- 1 Even with nothing on the drink measure's some volume. (6)
- 4 The first thing the happy pair have to face in the outer world. (8)
- 10 This, no doubt, occupies a sensible time. (3, 2, 10)
- 11 The Boston party? (8)
- 12 An article about a funeral gathering. (6)
- 14 It's some way through the wood. (4)
- 15 In the way ants go to sea. (10)
- 17 O claim 5 (anag.) (10)
- 19 A weird thing to do, as it were. (4)
- 22 Composed but not, it would seem, upright. (6)
- 23 A drop of just twelve inches. (8)
- 25 The unnamed substitute, it seems, goes in eighth wicket down. (3, 5, 7)
- 26 But the collect is not addressed to them. (8)
- 27 See 8. (6)

DOWN

- 1 When the courts show mercy? (7, 8)
- 2 This monk might have been real bad. (7)
- 3 Quarrel in a meal. (6)
- 5 See 17. (4)
- 6 Doctrine not favoured by the family solicitor. (4, 4)
- 7 EN. (7)
- 8 27 In effect a decision to go all out for victory. (7, 8, 6)
- 9 This vessel, though of no great tonnage, has a good beam. (9)
- 13 Shropshire is upset in swallowing a Bedouin. (9)
- 16 3 a classic bridge. (8)
- 18 Former master, wisely shouldered by the young. (3, 4)
- 20 They are measured by the stretch. (7)
- 21 Lurch on the street in a walk. (6)
- 24 Take counsel from 19. (4)



SOLUTION TO No. 52.—Across: 1 Cupboard, 5 Thatch, 10 Rationallisation, 11 Users, 12 Turntable, 13 Notice, 15 Etcetera, 17 Verandah, 19 Strand, 22 Getting up, 23 Tiger, 24 Take it or leave it, 25 Resent, 26 Hospital.

Down: 1 Circumnavigator, 2 Patient, 3 Oboes, 4 Roasts, 6 Heart beat, 7 Thimble, 8 Hansel and Gretel, 9 Nitrate, 14 Condition, 16 Languor, 18 Rotates, 20 Augment, 21 Apollo, 23 Tramp.



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BRIDGE

THE REPLIES DISCUSSED

Question 1.—West, One Spade; North, One No-trump; East, Two Hearts; South, Pass. What should West say, holding:

S K J 10 4 2 D K 9 4
H A 3 C Q 10 8

Answer.—Pass. Normally East's bid is a one-round force, but as North's overall shows such strength, further bidding is too risky without a better fit in Hearts. If North was bluffing East would have found a stronger bid.

Question 2.—West, One Diamond; North, Pass; East, One Spade; South Double; West, Two Diamonds; North, Three Clubs. What should East say holding:

S K 10 9 8 2 D J 10 8 3 2
H none C K J 5

Answer.—Five Diamonds. Four Diamonds would not suffice to shut out the obviously threatening bid of Four Hearts. After West's weak take-out into Two Diamonds, suggesting a misfit for Spades, at least ten, probably eleven, tricks can be made in Diamonds with the help of a cross-ruff.

Question 3.—East, One Diamond; West, One No-trump; East, Two Spades. What should West say, holding:

S J 10 4 D Q 8
H A 10 7 2 C K J 9 7

Answer.—Four Spades. He has two high-card winners and one ruffing winner and useful all-round "plus" values. His partner's reverse bid has promised seven winners after which J, 10, x is adequate trump support.

Question 4.—East, One No-trump; West, Three Diamonds; East, Three Hearts. What should West say, holding:

S none D K Q J 10 4 3 2
H Q 7 3 2 C 6 5

Answer.—Three Spades. This premature bid to show a control is best timed now. With such a fit for Hearts and such solid Diamonds West should angle for a Slam bid.



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A Life For A Life? Should The Killer Die?

NEVER!

Says

William Douglas-Home,
 author of the brilliant prison play,
 "Now Barabbas."

I produced the Easter concert in Wakefield Prison in April 1945.

My comrade was a murderer, reprieved, 12 years previously, the night before his execution. His jokes about hanging were received with acclamation by his audience.

In ordinary prison life he was treated as a man apart—not as a pariah, but as a prefect. The prisoner who called him by his Christian name was privileged above his fellow-men.

In a world of prison sentences which varied between a month and penal servitude his fellow prisoners on exercise sought the company of the man who had been awarded the highest penalty of all—just as a public-school boy proudly walks out on a Sunday afternoon with the century-winning captain of his school cricket eleven.

Grim Glamour

In short, this murderer had glamour. Not because he had killed a fellow creature, nor yet because he had been reprieved. It was glamorous because he had been sentenced to DEATH.

Glamour breeds popular acclaim, popular acclaim breeds exhibitionism. Deglamorisation reduces exhibitionism to near normality.

In my view, therefore, the suspension of the death penalty would remove the murderer from his pedestal of perverted exaltation and reduce him to the sordid, unromantic level of his fellow criminals.

On judicial grounds it is permissible to argue that justice may be served. Cases have occurred—and will doubtless occur again—in which evidence has been unearthed to clear a condemned man after his execution has been carried out.

Grim Error

In other words, however fair the judicial system of a country may be—and, in Great Britain, it could scarcely be fairer—the fact remains that man is human and was born to err. And, among men, one must decide our judges, prosecuting counsel, and police.

Hence, no doubt, the Christian insistence on the fact that man should beware of taking any irrevocable action. And the extinction of a fellow-creature—whether by a murderer or by a judge and jury—is irrevocable and, therefore, in my view, beyond the proper function of mankind.

Perhaps that explains the look of haunted anguish I observed, one summer morning, on a warder's face when he came off the "Death Watch," leaving Hulton buried in the lime at Pentonville.

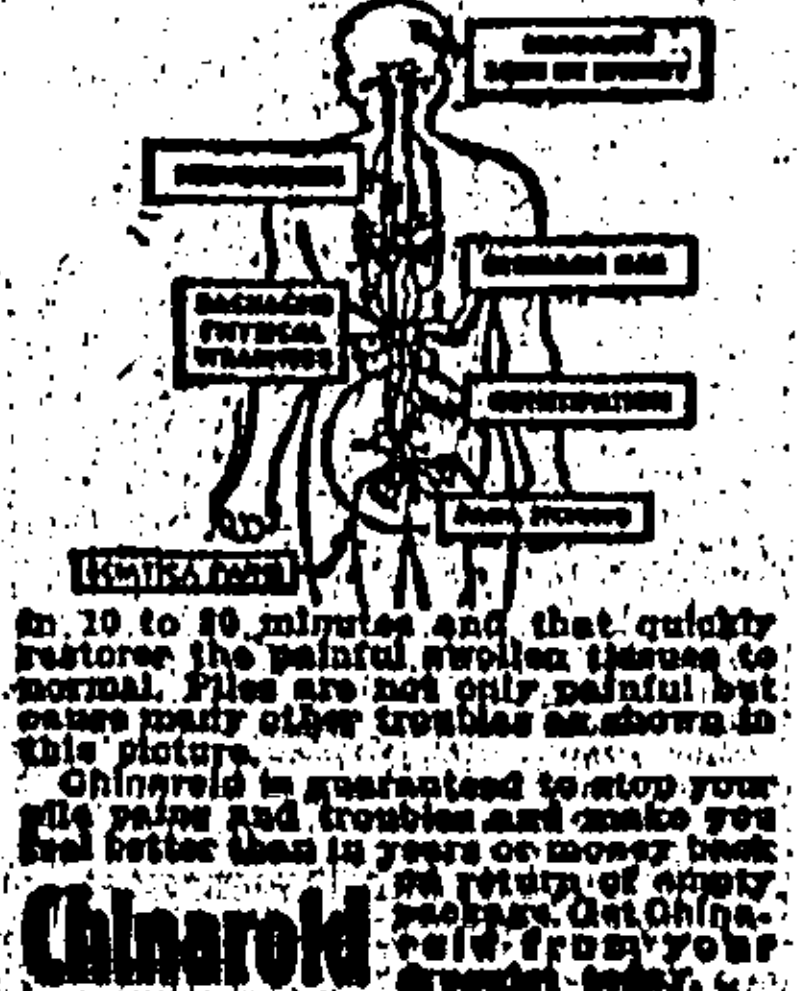
Right To Repent

On religious grounds the arguments against the death penalty are surely irrefutable. The death penalty is based on the Old Testament teaching of "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth."

It denies the right of every sinner to repentance in his own heart. True, it is conceivable that a murderer might repent of his crime during the three tormented weeks in which he awaits his execution.

Good News for Pile Sufferers

An American physician has discovered a new treatment called "Chiro-lid" that stops the pain and itching of piles.



Yet such repentance will be prompted by fear, or despair, or even by a sneaking hope that repentance may facilitate reprieve.

Surely the keynote of the Christian faith is that all sinners—regardless of the magnitude of their crime—have the right to redeem themselves (in the words of the Communion service) by "earnestly repenting of their sins and by intending to live a new life, following the commandments of God."

The executioner denies the murderer this fundamental human right.

Against psychological, judicial, and religious arguments the supporters of capital punishment only argue superficially. They base their case exclusively on social grounds. They argue that the death penalty is a deterrent.

Right To 'Life'

They argue thus, in spite of the fact that statistics from those countries in which the death penalty has been suspended show that the number of murders committed since its abolition has been drastically reduced.

Sometimes they even argue that they themselves would rather be hanged than serve a sentence of life imprisonment. If they are right in this they provide a ready-made argument for abolition.

Let us, for a period, make the penalty for murder life imprisonment—and when I say "life" I mean "life" and not, as at present, only ten or 15 years, followed by an unconditional release. If the trial period succeeds we shall at least have struck a blow for humanitarianism in a world in which Old Testament values are proving tragically inadequate.

After all, those who favour the retention of the Old Testament death penalty should also, logically, be in favour of the death penalty for stealing.

No More Recruits

And consider—not so long ago, the cattle-thief rode forth to die, if caught in the attempt.

How glamorous he was! Today, if he bothered to ride forth at all he would face only a short prison sentence at the hands of a magistrates' court. In consequence, the glamour of his calling is reduced.

Is it a coincidence that the number of cattle-thieves active today is reduced accordingly?

Or is it possible that murdering—like cattle-thieving when opposed by civilised and human penalties—might well lose all its charm and that the trade of murderer might find it very hard to rally new recruits?

YES—BUT

Says

Basil Nield, K.C., M.P.,

who in the recent debate tabled an amendment proposing legal recognition of two degrees of murder

There are very few people in whom the judicial hanging does not inspire horror.

Most people would readily agree to its abolition unless this course would result in a greater number of murders—murder being in practice in these days the only offence visited by execution.

This is suggested that the central issue here is: Is the sentence of death a real deterrent?

It is submitted that in the great majority of people there is no greater fear than the fear of death. There have been instances of men who have insisted, against the advice of judge and counsel, upon pleading guilty to murder and who have later sought to appeal against conviction.

It is firmly believed that almost none prefers the gallows to life, in whatever conditions that life must be lived.

By Degree

It would seem then that the death penalty, with all the grim solemnity of the sentence:

"That you be taken from this place to a lawful prison and thence to a place of execution and that you be there hanged by the neck until you be dead... is indeed a real deterrent."

There is today a great increase in crimes of violence. In this then the moment to abolish the death penalty or suspend its operation?

Both side to the controversy hold strong and sincere views. Is it possible to find a middle course—to retain the death penalty yet to mitigate the severity of the law?

It is—by the gradation of the crime of murder into first and second-degree murder, and by imposing the death penalty only in the graver cases of homicide. Long ago Lord Coke defined murder in this way:

"Where a person of sound memory and discretion unlawfully killeth any reasonable creature in being and under the King's peace with malice aforethought either express or implied."

In two respects this definition has been construed so as to operate adversely to the accused person.

In the first place, the onus of establishing insanity is upon the accused. In the second place "malice aforethought" has been held to mean not long premeditation but merely the intention to kill which precedes the killing.

The need for a change in the law such as is suggested is best shown by illustration. If a man over a long period of time administers poison to his wife, who has been devoted to him, so that at length she dies in agony, he shall suffer death.

By Precedent

If a man upon a sudden quarrel, unarmed and in the heat of passion, kills an enemy who has done him grievous wrong or has shown provocation of such a degree as not to reduce the homicide to manslaughter, he too shall suffer death.

Can it be said that for these two offences the law should recognise the same dire and irrevocable penalty?

Precedents are to be found for the division of the crime of murder into degrees. The Indian Penal Code contains elaborate provisions for the classification of homicide.

The United States Criminal Code divides murder into degrees based largely upon the test of premeditation.

The amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill tabled by the writer and stripped of its legal language sought to make murder in the first degree punishable by death—any wilful, deliberate and premeditated killing, murder by poisoning, murder after lying in wait, and any killing during the commission of another offence at a time when the offender is armed.

Any other intentional killings would be murder in the second degree punishable by imprisonment for life or for such less period as the circumstances might warrant.

It would be for the jury directed by the judge to determine in which, if either, of these degrees the homicide fell.

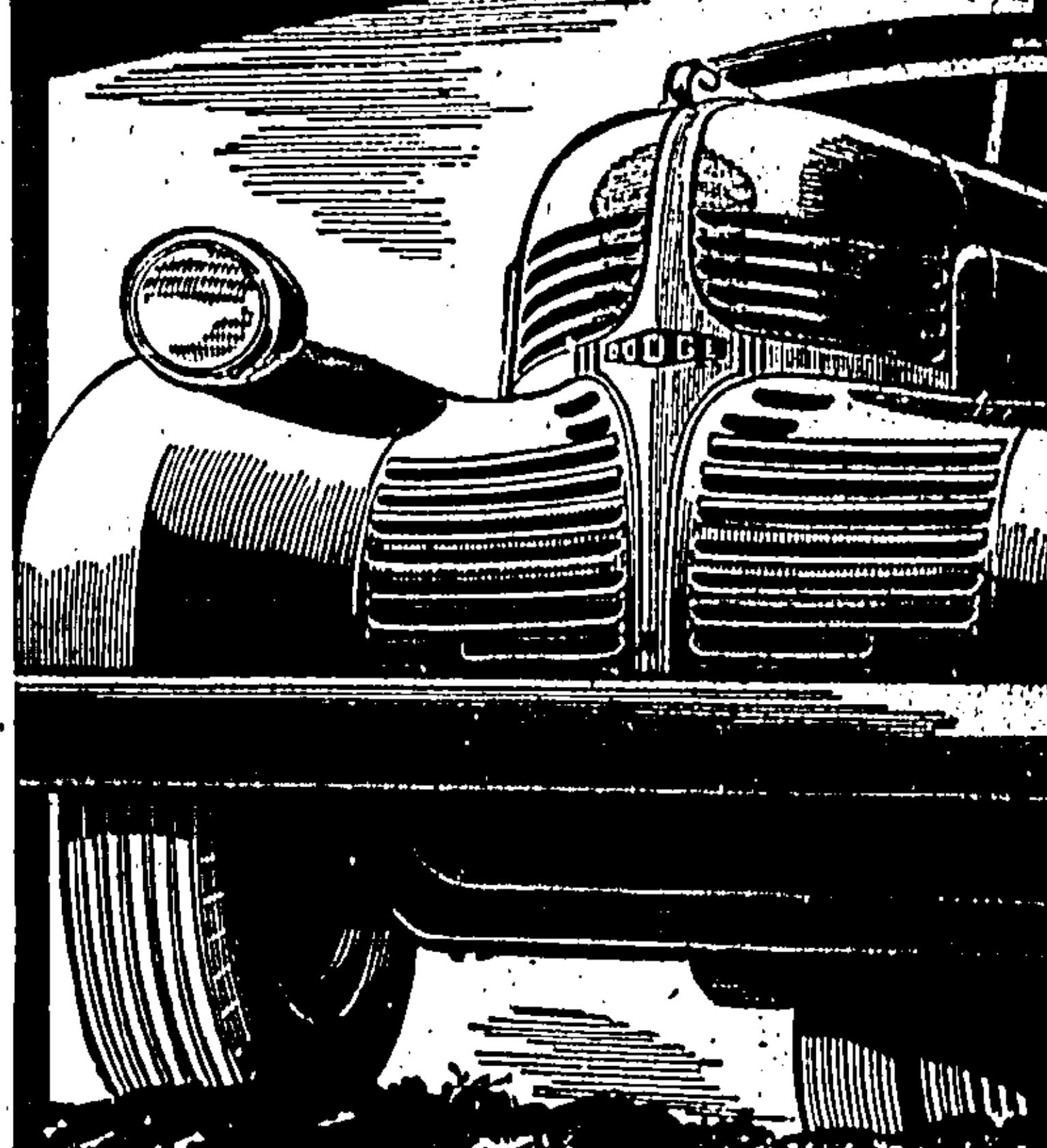
By Mercy

Twelve good men and true, bringing to bear upon the issue before them their combined good sense, knowledge of affairs and humanity, will come to a decision, which is right and fair and just.

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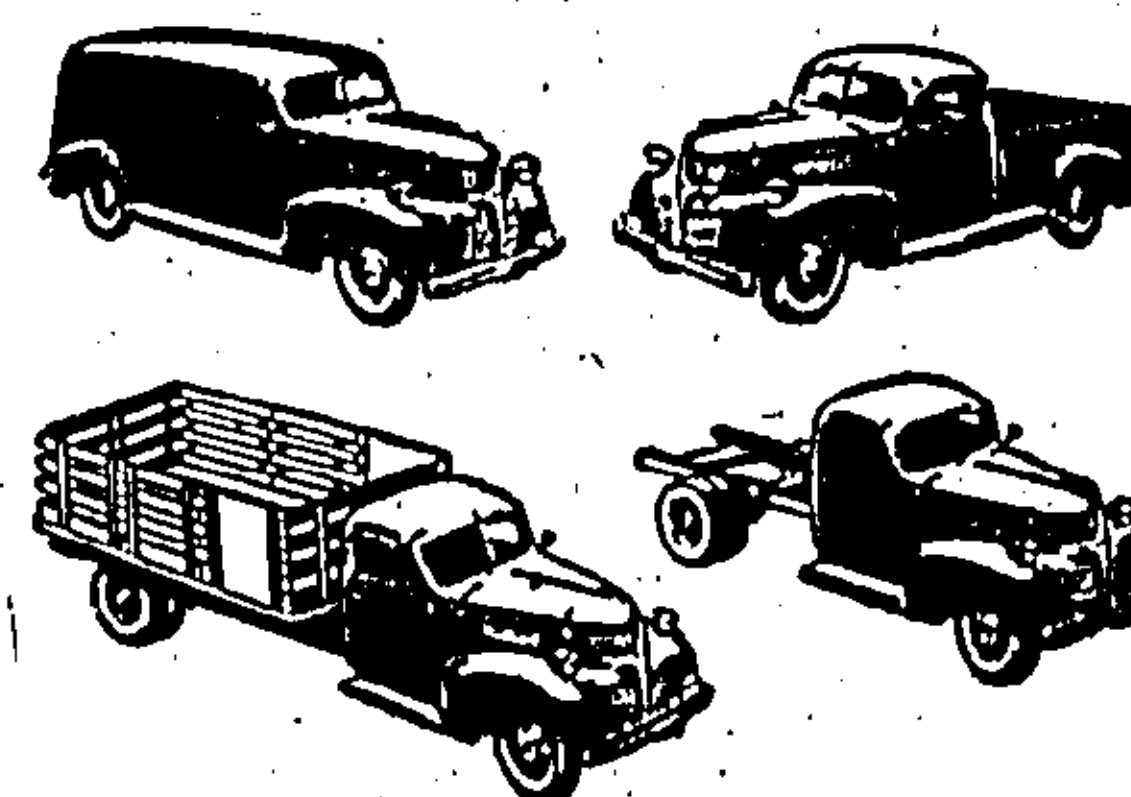


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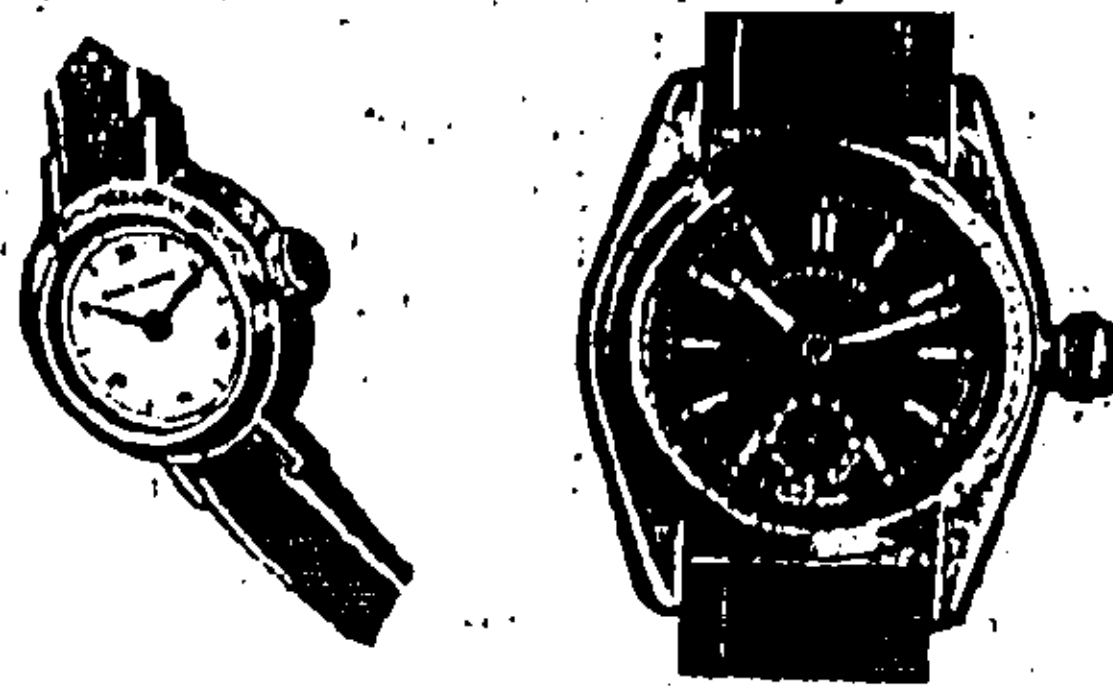
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RUSSIANS ACCUSE BRITISH Falsifying Of Crash Evidence Alleged Soviets To Take "Measures"

Berlin, Apr. 23.
A Russian Air Force General said today he believed that Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, the Soviet Commander in Germany, would take measures "very soon" to "assure the safety of Soviet planes and protect Soviet fliers" over the Soviet Zone air corridors used by Britain, France and the United States.

General Alexandrov made the prediction at the end of a three-hour press conference today in which he ridiculed the British investigation of the collision on April 5 between a British transport and a Russian fighter plane. He again accused the British of moving the wreckage of the Russian plane and "falsifying evidence."

Gen. Alexandrov declined to speculate when he was asked what the Russians would do if the Western Powers stood on their rights to use the air corridor under existing regulations.

"I am a technical expert," he said. "We have made proposals to avoid collisions in the air over the Soviet Zone and now we get political questions."

The air corridors, he said, were set up "to connect the West with Berlin and not so that anybody could fly when and where he wants." Asked if there were any political reasons for hindering inter-zonal air traffic, Gen. Alexandrov said:

"It is known to all that we take the view that traffic between the Eastern and Western Zones must be increased."

Alexandrov restated Soviet claims that the air tragedy occurred over Dalgew Airport when the British plane "came out of a cloud and rammed the Soviet fighter." Fifteen persons were killed in the crash.

Alleged Photos

The General produced two sets of pictures, one of which he said was taken on the day of the crash. The other five days after. They proved, he said, that the wreckage of the Soviet fighter plane had been moved in an effort to bolster British claims that the fighter was flying with its wheels drawn up.

The Soviet claim is that the Russian pilot had lowered his undercarriage and was coming in to land. The British claim the Soviet pilot was "stuntling" and rammed the British plane. It was coming in to land at the British Airport.

The fact that the tail wheel was not in a landing position was due to the fact that the air pressure mechanism of the plane was damaged in the collision, Alexandrov said.

"False"

He said that British assertions that parts of the planes fell straight to earth and thus established the approximate point of collision were "primitive and unacceptable." He took up points of the British report on the accident and denied them as "false" and "provocative."

Concluding, the General said: "I hope the press will inform the public of these incontrovertible facts, and of the fact that the blame falls on the British." Associated Press.



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Russians Admit Kidnappings

Berlin, Apr. 23.
Maj-Gen. Alexander Kotikov, Soviet commander in Berlin today admitted to the Allied Kommandatura that Russian agents had been sent into the American sector of Berlin to kidnap Germans living there, on official American spokes-man said.

The Russian commander, answering the American request for information concerning 50 Germans believed to have been kidnapped by Soviet agents, said in part:

"Since the Americans prevented the German police from arresting these criminals, I sent men to the American sector for four of them and we are holding them now."

He did not mention the remaining persons on the American list.

In the same statement, made during today's meeting of the four Allied commanders in the city, General Kotikov charged that the American sector was a "cesspool of crime."

The American spokesman said, "The Soviets give every indication without saying it, in so many words, that they believe the Allied Control Council finished."

Out Of A Job

The spokesman said several minor matters previously referred to the Control Council at the Russian request were brought up during the Kommandatura meeting by the Soviets, indicating they consider the Control Council finished.

Training Youths For War

Washington, Apr. 23.
A bargain-counter preparedness plan under which 18 and 19 year olds would be trained with draft fees for the time being, instead of in a separate universal military training programme, was approved today by Defence Secretary James Foran.

Under this plan proposed by Senators Raymond Blawie, Republican of Connecticut and Millard Tydings, Democrat of Maryland, and others, the cost of a separate UMT setup, with its funding system of camps and other institutions, would be largely avoided for the present.

Sponsors said it would be a feasible way of providing the nation quickly with trained reserves.

Under the plan, the start of this separate UMT training plan would be delayed for at least a year. But the youths would be trained, say for six months, by the regular armed forces.

They then would be released on condition that they join the National Guard or reserves.

Foran said some such plan would "give us a minimum military strength for a minimum cost," but emphasized he still was in favour of UMT. Associated Press.

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British 'Spy'?

Belgrade, Apr. 23.
Hildegard Hahn, an Austrian girl on trial for espionage, changed her plea to one of guilty after being shown a letter in which she had asked her sister in Austria to hand a secret report to "competent British quarters," Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, reports.

She is one of 15 people, including M. Martin Prestari, well known as an Austrian Communist journalist, appearing before a Yugoslav court at Ljubljana on charges of treason, espionage, sabotage and war crimes. —Reuter.

No Evidence Inculpating British

Jerusalem, Apr. 23.
No evidence has been produced that the Ben Yehuda Street bombing in Jerusalem on Feb. 22 was perpetrated by members of the British Security Forces, a Palestine Government statement declared today.

The statement answered an earlier report on the findings of an investigation committee appointed by the Jewish authorities a few days after the Ben Yehuda outrage.

The bombing cost 60 lives and seriously wounded about 100 persons.

"The wearing of British uniforms and the use of vehicles resembling those of the Security Forces or derived from Military Police sources has been a device only too frequently employed by the perpetrators of terrorist outrages in Palestine," the report said.

"Statements made in the press that British Security Forces involved in the outrages are entirely unsupported by evidence of any kind." Associated Press.

ALBANIA PROTESTS

Belgrade, Apr. 22.
Albania today protested to Italy about the arrest in Rome 12 days ago of M. Thomas Simitich, the Albanian representative to the four-power naval commission in Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, said.

The protest, made to the Italian Legation at Belgrade by the Albanian Legation, alleged that M. Simitich was in possession of a diplomatic passport. —Reuter.

HIGH COMMISSIONER BLAMES ARABS

Jerusalem, Apr. 23.
Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner for Palestine, cabled today to Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, blaming the Arabs for yesterday's fighting in Haifa.

"The battle was the direct consequence of the continuous Arab attacks on the Jews during the past four days," Sir Alan said. The attack was carried out by Hagana, the Jewish defence force, and was "no massacre," the cable added.

The Arab themselves were responsible for the outbreak in spite of repeated warnings.

The cable asked Mr. Creech Jones to communicate the text to Abdull Rahman, Azzam Pasha, the Secretary General of the Arab League, and other Arab States.

"As always, the Army was completely impartial and any suggestion that they are taking sides is not only untrue but deeply resented."

The arms surrendered by the Arabs in Haifa yesterday are to be held by the British authorities until May 15, when the mandate ends, and will then be turned over to the Jews, a Jewish Agency spokesman said in Jerusalem today.

Hagana has guaranteed a safe conduct for the mass exodus of some 40,000 Arabs which began today, he added.

It was officially estimated today that 100 Arabs were killed and the same number wounded in yesterday's battle. The Jews lost 14 dead and 40 wounded.

"No Massacre"

Three British officers were wounded while aiding the Arab evacuation of Haifa. The official statement added that there was "no massacre."

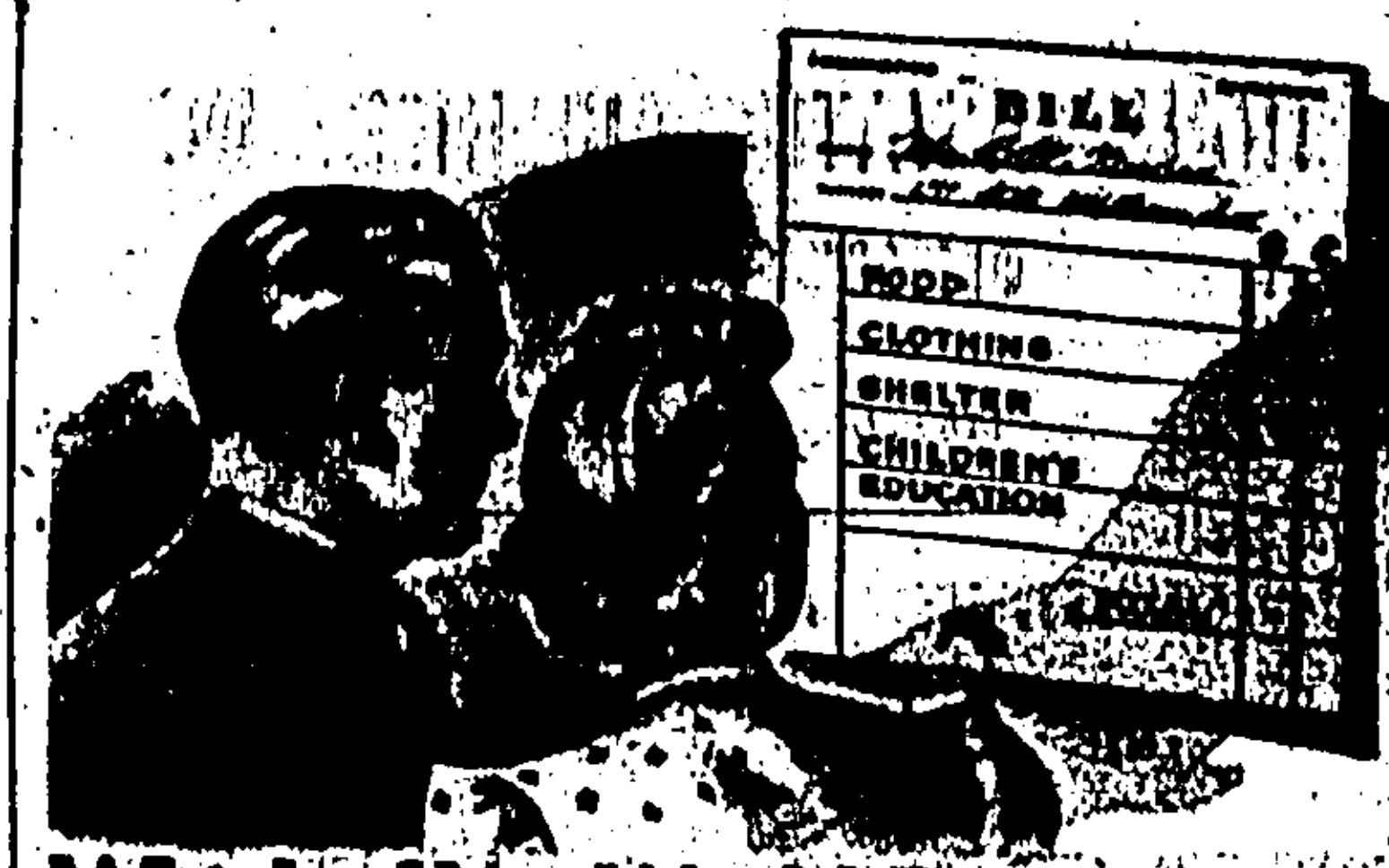
The truce talks at Haifa failed again tonight, although all fighting has stopped. A British official source, who attempted a new mediation between the Arabs and the Jews this morning, said that a small centre of Arab resistance still exists in the Haifa market area.

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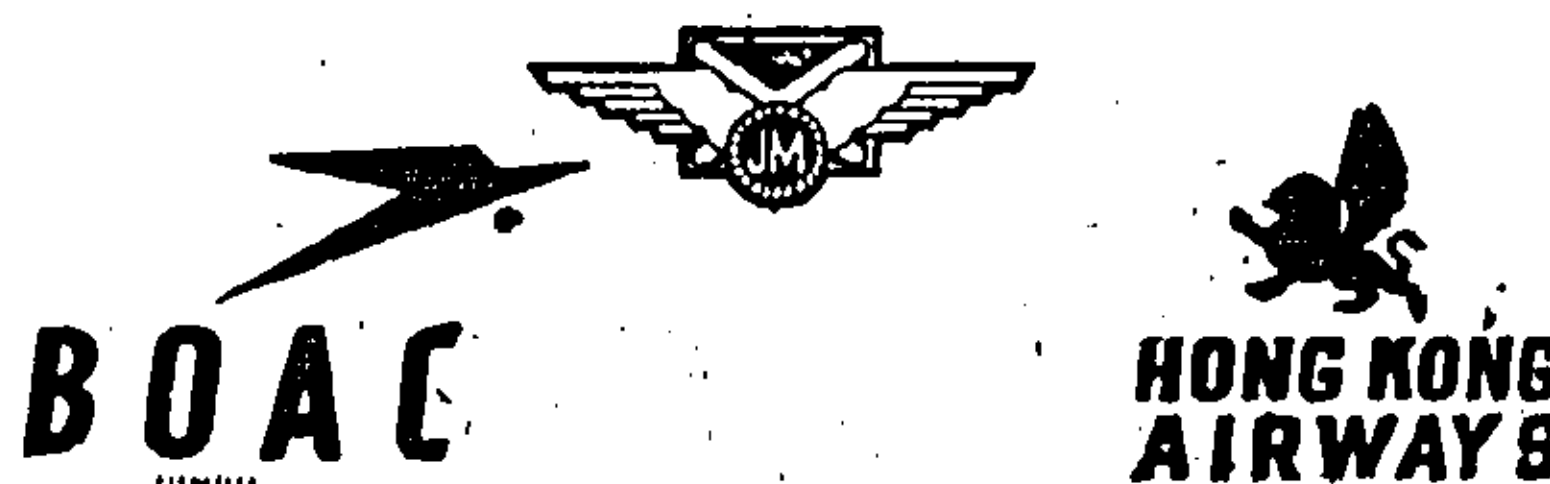
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DEATH PENALTY

The pressure in England to compel the Colonies to follow Britain's lead and abolish the death penalty for murder puts the Home Government in exactly the same difficult spot as arose with the threat of the House of Lords to throw out the controversial amendment.

Truth is that the abolition conflicts with the considered opinion of the government on the merits of the case. As Mr. Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, put it, the Cabinet does not believe that the time is ripe for undertaking this reform. For which reason, the decision, as far as Britain is concerned, to bow to the will of the majority in the House of Commons (provided by a free vote which crossed all party lines) can hardly be regarded as providing a mandate for Mr. Creech-Jones to press adamantly for similar legislation in such places as Hong Kong.

Indeed, there are numerous grounds for conflict. The Labour Government in Britain is proceeding steadily with a policy of nationalisation of industry but (much as we might like to see it) it has not ventured to insist that this programme must automatically be adopted in the Colonial Empire. Why, therefore, with any other type of legislation? Even more important, perhaps, is the policy which tends and is intended to confer upon the various colonies a greater measure of self-government. The implication, surely, is that in such matters as the protection of society and general security measures, the people on the spot shall themselves be the arbiters of the requirements in their particular territory.

Here it is not our purpose to discuss the merits of a decision to abolish the death penalty in this Colony. We do not think it matters very greatly, one way or the other. What is important is that we should be left in a position to decide for ourselves, that we should not be dictated to by humanitarians in the British Isles, much less by Whitehall.

Discretion

Critics demanded that the National Assembly should be summoned every two years instead of every six, that it should discuss defence, political and economic problems, and that it should have the right to initiate legislation. These attempted amendments were frustrated, but regulations were adopted which temporarily increased the powers of the President during the period of national crisis.

These provisions would give the President power to declare martial law without the previous approval or early endorsement of the Legislative Yuan, modify the control of the Legislative Yuan over the Executive Yuan (Cabinet); and, in effect, leave it to the discretion of the President to decide when the period of national crisis was over.

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Kowloon Flowers

Friday's raids in Kowloon on various flower vendors in Nathan Road possibly gave the police some interesting moments insofar as, constituting something they had not thought of before, it provided some little of the spice of variety. A letter elsewhere in this issue, representing the views of numerous housewives in Kowloon, gives an impression of the other side of the story.

At the moment, the full facts are not very clear. It is not known, for instance, whether the police swoop was preceded by any sort of warning or whether (which is much more likely) somebody decided, and something was done.

This much is certain: whatever the answer may be, this is a case in which the police have earned no support or sympathy. There will be general refusal to believe, whether the flower vendors were guilty or not of any technical infringements of the law against causing an obstruction, that public complaints have been lodged. There will also be enquiry on the point whether the "difficulty" could not have been more appropriately handled. Since there is a Flower Street in Hong Kong, why not one in Kowloon? To deprive people of a livelihood is more to force them into criminal ranks.

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CHINA'S CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS

By H.G.W. Woodhead, CBE

The brawling and quarrelling that have been reported from Nanking during the sessions of the National Assembly, and the acrimonious debates which have taken place on China's internal and external problems, may have led many persons to suppose that this body is China's National Legislature. That, however, is not its function. It is in reality a glorified Electoral College, whose activities are restricted to approving (or amending) the Constitution, and the election of the President and Vice President of the Chinese Government. Legislation will be the duty of the Legislative Yuan, when that body assembles later in the year.

The National Assembly, supposedly elected on the basis of one delegate for each half million of the population, is a unwieldy body of 3,043 members. In the so-called elections, many of which have been disputed, all but 424 seats went to the dominant Party, the Kuomintang. Disputes over the legality of elections led to demonstrations culminating in a hunger-strike by delegates who claimed seats but were not admitted. The Government came under severe criticism for the alleged ineptitude of its military commanders, one of whom, General Cheng Chien (Chief of Staff) who was in command of the forces responsible for the Nanking outbreak in April, 1927, was denounced for failing to provide the local population with arms, and for disbanding the local militias. Delegates from Manchuria went so far as to demand his summary execution.

A clamour also arose for amendments to the Constitution, drafted at the end of 1946 and supposedly enforced from December 25, 1947.

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Popularity

The Generalissimo was probably correct in assuming that it would make a better impression at home and abroad if he vacated the office in favour of a non-party candidate who, as he put it, should "be a man who has an understanding of Chinese culture and has done research in international problems" and one, moreover, who was "courageous in fighting for the welfare of the Chinese people and the Chinese nation."

The result of the election demonstrated General Chiang's personal popularity, but there is diminishing confidence at home and abroad in the groups with which he has surrounded himself. Little, if anything has been done to restore confidence since General Wedemeyer reported that "The existing Central Government can win and retain the undivided and enthusiastic support of the bulk of the Chinese people by removing incompetent and corrupt officials who now occupy many positions of importance."

Continued concentration of administrative, political, and military power in the hands of one man may not be the best solution of China's problems.

The Presidency, itself, is not necessarily the most important job in China. The real power was in General Chiang Kai-shek's hands even before 1932 and 1943, when Mr. Lin Sen was President. It is at least possible that the military position of the National Government might improve if the Generalissimo devoted all his energies to reforming the Army and directing military operations.

Imperative

If General Chiang Kai-shek were free to concentrate his entire attention upon China's military problems—upon enforcing an equitable system of conscription; upon seeing that all conscripts were properly trained, clothed, paid and fed; upon removing from commands generals and others who maintain largely mythical divisions in order to draw pay and allowances for non-existent soldiers; upon providing proper care for the sick and wounded, and adequate allowances for them and their families; upon limiting commands to men who had qualified by efficiency and integrity for their responsibilities—then, indeed, the outlook for restoring peace and order in this distracted country would improve. Constitution or no Constitution, certain forms of enlightened leadership are imperative if the nation as a whole is to rally to the task of finally disposing of the Red menace.

Not Bound

The abuses to which both General Marshall and General Wedemeyer drew attention might more suitably be noted if the Presidency were in the hands of a Chinese who was not bound by family ties and old loyalties to retain, in important Government offices, men who have long since forfeited the confidence of most of their countrymen. General Chiang Kai-shek, who was presumably sincere in renouncing further Presidential ambitions,

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might very well have rendered the best possible service to his country by imitating the late President Coolidge, and making his decision not to serve again final, especially if he had allowed his successor an entirely free hand in selecting his administration, and concentrated all his energies upon the military aspects of China's internal problems.

The struggle towards a truly constitutional and democratic Government in China has been a long one. The Constitution which has now been approved by the National Assembly is seventh or eighth that has been promulgated since the overthrow of the Manchu Dynasty. All of them have contained precise definitions of the rights of the citizen, but the rule of law is not, and as yet never has been, recognized in China, and constitutional guarantees still remain a dead letter.

Remote

In some ways the new Constitution is even more remote from realities than those that preceded it. For not only does the present Constitution contain the usual guarantees of freedom of residence, speech, publication, meeting, religious belief, etc. and what may be described as the rights enjoyed by Anglo-Saxons under the habeas corpus principle; it purports to grant to the people of this vast country the rights of election, recall, initiative and referendum, and means of redress against officials violating or infringing the people's freedom. No-one can seriously suggest that these rights can be exercised today, or are likely to be exercisable for decades to come.

It is unreasonable to suggest that what the Chinese Republic needs most today is not window-dressing which can deceive no serious observer, but concentration on fundamentals. One cannot expect the people as a whole to be willing to fight for a Constitution which, however admirable it may appear on paper, does not work. One cannot expect Chinese people willingly to submit to the duty of military service when the system of conscription is notorious for corruption and nepotism, and when the Vice in the Army is regarded as equivalent to a death sentence even by the poorest coolie.

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ROOSEVELT

By Mrs. Roosevelt

Who unveiled the statue of the late President in Grosvenor-Square in London the other day.

When I agreed to come to Great Britain for the unveiling of Sir William Reid Dick's statue of my husband, I did so with a feeling that this would be an occasion when good will would be expressed for my husband and I could show how deeply I appreciated this feeling on the part of the people of Great Britain. Since my arrival, however, I have sensed day by day a depth of feeling far beyond what I had imagined, and I know that I can never adequately express my gratitude and understanding.

Among the many letters which have come to me is one which I want to share with you because it expresses so well the feeling which is sometimes hauntingly expressed in the hundreds of messages and letters which have come to me since I arrived in the country.

Dear Lady:

I would like to write to you to welcome you to our country and to tell you as a private individual of no consequence of the admiration and affection in which I hold your husband. These feelings I know were common throughout this land, and when the news came of his death there was a sense of genuine grief which could hardly have been exceeded in the case of a dear member of one's family.

There have always been great men, statesmen, orators, soldiers, and the rest, but in my own life of close on 70 years I can think of no character with such a human quality as Franklin Roosevelt. And were I asked to say, primarily, because there was something in his voice when we heard it over the wireless that was lovable. Stark integrity was there, and a calm strength in conflict.

The keen intellect and the pure understanding of man and his problems betokened the philosopher. Like Browning, one felt that he "thanked God that he had been buffeted—like he had been trained by suffering in a gentle sympathy for all suffering. I never thought him a great orator in that he was superior in the use of words and phrases for their own enjoyment but he had a direct way of getting across in forceful and telling speech which allowed the man himself always to shine through so that those who heard him believed him and trusted him."

I never really liked Paul, but he did say some things for which the world must always be indebted to him; and one was the beginning of his letter to the Corning; upon seeing that all conscripts were properly trained, clothed, paid and fed; upon removing from commands generals and others who maintain largely mythical divisions in order to draw pay and allowances for non-existent soldiers; upon providing proper care for the sick and wounded, and adequate allowances for them and their families; upon limiting commands to men who had qualified by efficiency and integrity for their responsibilities—then, indeed, the outlook for restoring peace and order in this distracted country would improve. Constitution or no Constitution, certain forms of enlightened leadership are imperative if the nation as a whole is to rally to the task of finally disposing of the Red menace.

Personal Touch

There is respect and admiration and affection for a friend in all of the messages I received, and the same kind of respect I find among so many people at home because they no longer hear his voice.

In the United States people say to me: "When your husband was in office he used to talk to us in our living rooms, and we knew and understood what the government was doing. Now we are bewildered and often confused—no one tells us simply about the times we live in."

People at home feel that my husband and since I have been here I have come to believe that they have much the same feeling for this country. Because of the affection they bore him, they have shown me great honour here in high places, and the people wave at me and give me the same kind of welcome that people who are my friends might give me at home.

I think the late Lord Derby, when he suggested this statue and the raising of the fund, understood very well the feeling that existed throughout this land. The English are masters of understatement. They do not offer their friendship lightly, but what they say they really mean and once they accept you as a friend, their feelings are deep and rarely change.

This statue was subscribed to by thousands of British subjects. It takes a great many five-shilling subscriptions to make up £40,000, and The Pilgrims say that with the aid of the Women's Voluntary Services, this money was collected and counted within five days of the time the collection started.

Loved People

I keep wishing as the days go by that my husband could have lived to accept the invitation which his Majesty the King had extended to him to pay a visit to this country. Mr. Churchill spoke of it to me the last time he came to visit us in Washington, and he had already made many arrangements for my husband's reception. It would have been a great satisfaction to my husband.

My loved people, he had a sense of history and he would have enjoyed all the pageantry and the old customs, and he would have known how to enjoy it. His love for his own country and his pride in our achievements as a young nation never stood in his way when he came to appraise the achievements of other nations.

He always spoke with respect and admiration of the traits which he admired in the British people, and though he sometimes poked gentle fun at the British custom of tea when you wake up and tea in the afternoon, he never ignored a British achievement.

He enjoyed their more leisurely way of life, though he insisted that an American must live up to his own standards in the United States. These standards of the strenuous life are probably better suited to the climate and the atmosphere of our own country than they are to British life.

Dark Days

The British love of the sea struck a sympathetic chord in him because of his love of the ocean and of all naval history. I have always been sure that this was one of the bonds between Mr. Churchill and my husband, and though there were many others which made their meetings pleasant and kept them from being over-devoted to business.

The statue I have recently unveiled will be a constant reminder of the dark days through which the British people fought their way together. I hope it will not only be a reminder of the days of the war, but will also recall to our loved people who come to visit Grosvenor-Square in London, and to the British who all there on pleasant days, that my husband hoped our co-operation would continue and help us to make the machinery of the United Nations work.

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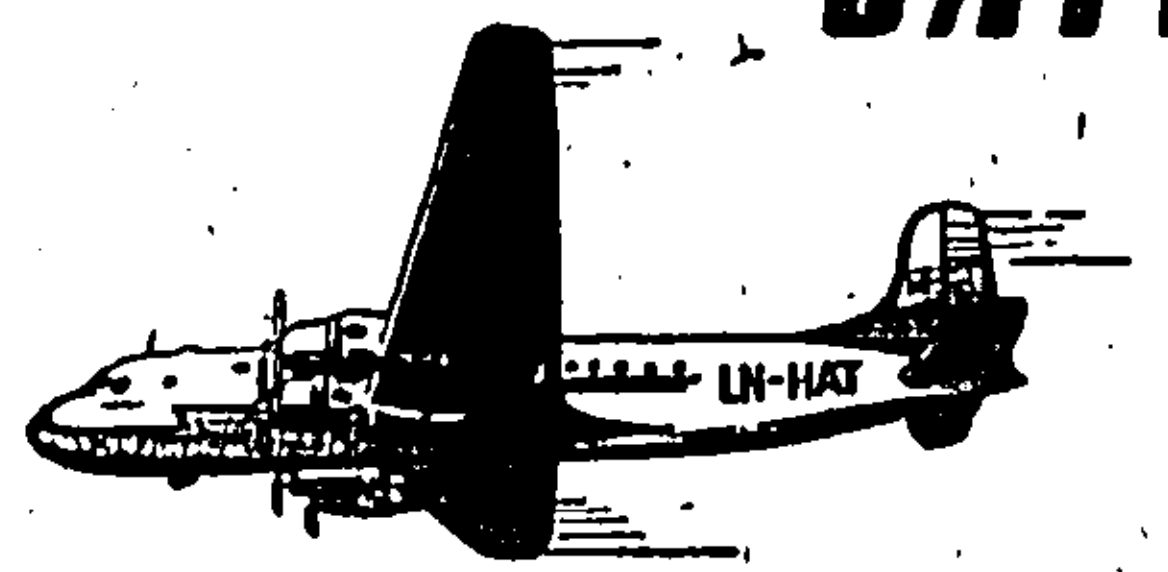
It should be no great surprise to the people of Great Britain, who were so closely associated with the work of the League of Nations, to find that this new international machinery does not move automatically.

My husband knew full well that creating a machine would not bring us peace, but without a machine you could not work with other nations, to create an atmosphere in which better international understanding would grow. He laid the foundation for this machinery, though he did not live to see the first meeting of the nations at which the charter was written.

This statue, standing in the place which during the war was known as Eisenhower Plaza, will serve as a reminder to remind the British and American representatives of the concentrated work and sacrifice and cooperation which brought us to victory and which brought us to peace.

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Britain Poses A Question

What Is The United Nations Going To Do About Palestine?: Desperate Urgency Early Decision Imperative

Lake Success, April 23.

Britain today reaffirmed to the United Nations her intention to get out of Palestine on May 15 and withdraw her forces by August 1 and asked: "What is the United Nations going to do about it?"

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies, opening the General Assembly Political Committee's resumed debate on the Palestine problem, declared that Britain had not wavered from her undertaking to bring to an end the mandate on May 15, and added that a truce in Palestine was "of first importance." "Now, less than a month remains for the United Nations to recommend the means of dealing with the situation in Palestine when the British responsibility ends," he added.

"The urgency is desperate. Some decision had got to be made. The country was already disorganised administratively and socially, and with the withdrawal of the mandatory power, was 'in danger of being plunged into anarchy and suicidal struggle.'"

Mr. Creech Jones asserted during the preparation of the partition plan, my Government stated categorically that its authority in withdrawing from Palestine could not be divided and that during the currency of the mandate, the responsibility of administration over the whole of Palestine and for the preservation of order must remain exclusively with the mandatory.

But our warnings on this point went unheeded when the partition resolution was framed and now my Government is criticised for refusing to subscribe to certain of its impracticable terms.

"The truth is that the resolution in some respects was utterly unrealistic. We had always pointed out that we could play no part in the implementation, as that was a United Nations responsibility, but over a very wide field short of implementation British cooperation has been complete."

Dealing with the criticism that the British had not always been able to preserve order and prevent outrages during the past five months, Mr. Creech Jones said:

"It has been no easy task in these recent months for our diminishing forces, while engaged in their withdrawal, to hold the two communities apart, to deal with outrages, to defend Jewish settlements and Arab villages, to secure supplies, to watch the frontiers, to guard property and maintain communications."

"In the discharge of their duties, in the interest of Arabs and Jews alike," had been

"brutally attacked and often savagely murdered while fulfilling the international trust placed by an international declaration on the mandatory power." He denied that the administration had not been impartial.

"Arabs have been alarmed as rigorously as Jews. Violence and terrorism had been condoned and protected by both communities and no aid has been given to the administration in these difficult and critical months."

Mr. Creech Jones, dealing with the Commission's complaint that it was unable to enter Palestine before May 1, revealed that as early as January 29, the British Government had offered to let an advance party into the country to consult with the administration.

Truce Proposal

He denied the charge that Britain desired to create the maximum of disorder in Palestine on the termination of the mandate. Referring to the truce proposal, he said:

"The appeal to cease the struggle made by the Assembly last autumn has gone unheeded. The more recent and more strongly worded appeal of the Security Council in March has been ignored."

"It looks as if the all for a truce made by the Council last Saturday will also be defied, since there is no effective machinery to supervise its observance."

He added: "To my Government, the truce is of first importance, and the United Nations should take every possible step to obtain it."

Intractable

Mr. Creech Jones concluded: "Because my Government knows that it has not succeeded itself in resolving the conflict of interests between the Jews and the Arabs, my Government is not unappreciative of the situation today when disappointment attends the United Nations because it has found at last how intractable the problem before it really is."

"We are prepared to search with the United Nations, in a helpful and constructive spirit, for the answer to this problem, but the communities concerned have a responsibility too—and that is, to realise that, when na-

Chinese Army For Palestine?

Lake Success, Apr. 23.

Chinese sources today revealed that China is negotiating with the United States regarding the possible use of Chinese troops to enforce United Nations trusteeship in Palestine.

So far, China has not rejected the United States' requests, according to these sources. If China decided to provide them, the troops would be used only in conjunction with forces from the United States and other United Nations countries.

The Sino-American negotiations are similar to those which the United States is conducting with other UN countries, outside the Soviet bloc, in an effort to line up forces needed to create trusteeship in the Holy Land.

High Chinese sources said they had not yet committed their country either way. They disclosed that China's first reaction to the United States' appeal for Chinese soldiers was that it would be difficult to spare them in the midst of Chiang Kai-shek's war against the Chinese Communists.—United Press.

tions are faced with this grave situation, they must themselves make a contribution in a spirit somewhat less intransigent. "I hope that, after this general discussion is over, we shall study practical suggestions for bringing peace, conditions of orderly progress and concord between the two peoples of this tragic land."

Russian View

M. Alexandre S. Panyushkin, of Russia, alleged that the British in Palestine had hampered the work of the Palestine Commission and were "active organisers" of plans designed to wreck partition. He said Britain had created "perfect conditions" for the continuance of massacre and slaughter among the Arabs and Jews.

"As a result of British connivance, which permitted Arab bands to enter Palestine, the country has become a field of warfare. Arab and Jewish blood has been shed in Palestine in order to satisfy British and American interests," he said. The Committee adjourned until Monday.—Reuter.

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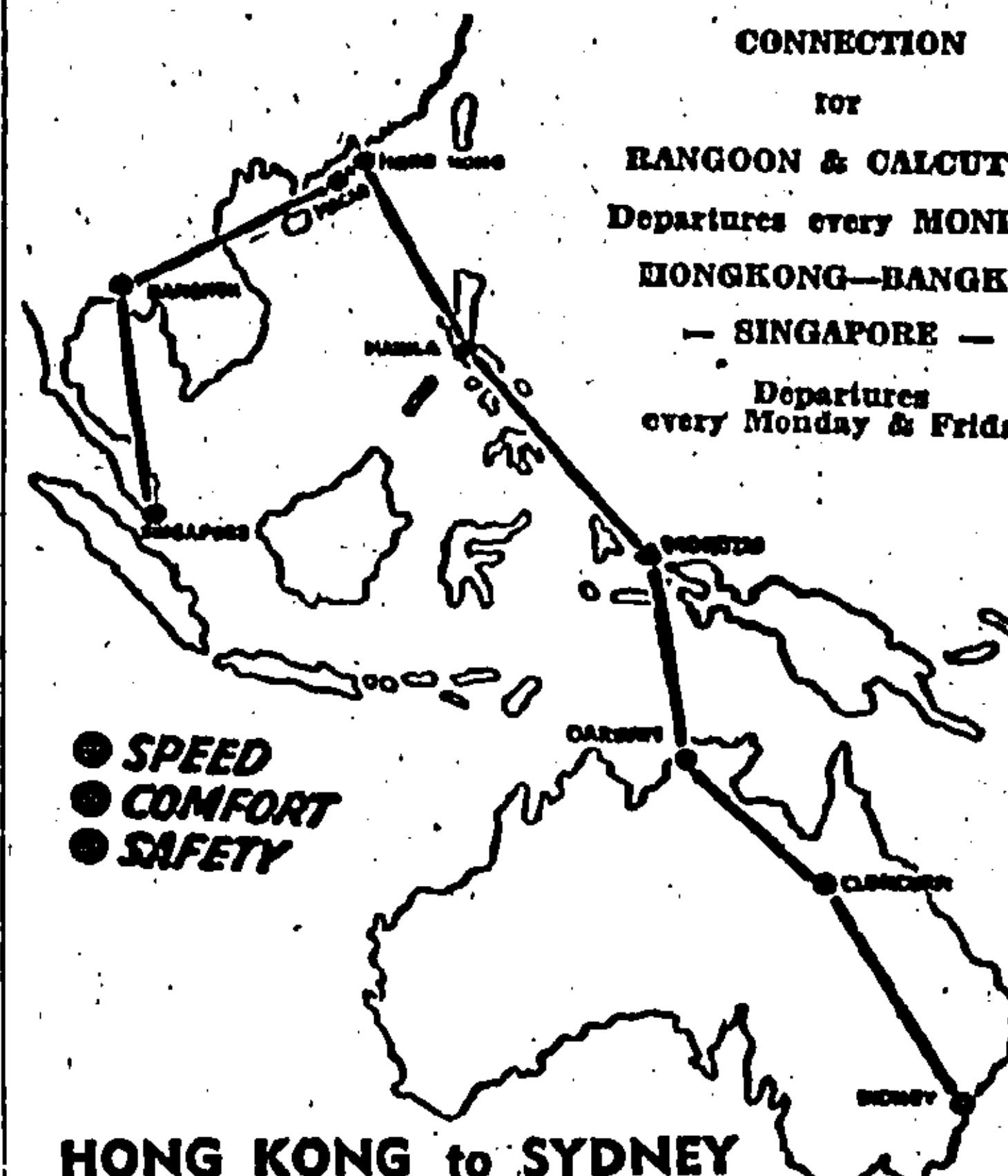
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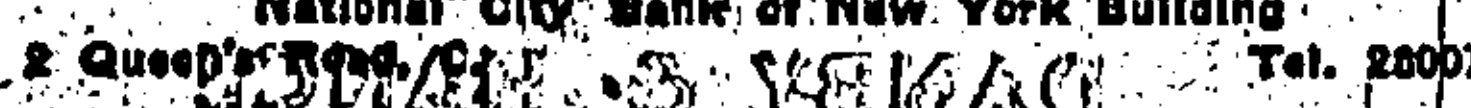
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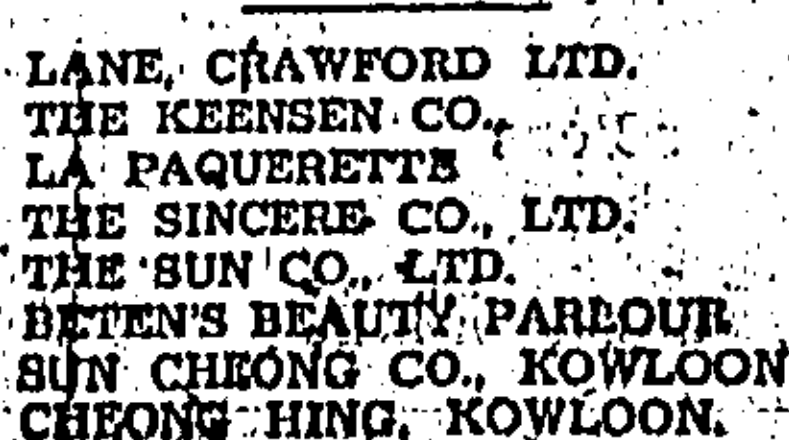
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SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION



A Silver Wedding photograph of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, with their Corbi, "Crackers." (Photograph by Baron.)

Eleven Years Ago, The King and Queen, with Queen Mary and the two young Princesses, waving from the balcony at Buckingham Palace after the Coronation—May 12, 1937. (At Right.)

Tomorrow will be the 25th anniversary of the wedding of two ordinary, pleasant, kindly people whom Fate has made the King and Queen of Great Britain, the Commonwealth and the Empire Beyond the Seas.

They have two children, one of whom was married last year. The other is still a teen-ager, attractive, inclined to mischief, and as uncertain of her future as thousands of other young people who were born in the early 30s.

What more can be said of the Royal Family? The fact that they are Royal does not set them off from any other family, except that every thing they do is spotlighted over the world.

Perhaps it is in their very ordinariness that their attraction lies. They occupy a position in the heart of the Englishman, and

the Empire, that is more than popularity and more than sentimentality. They are at once symbols of greatness and close friends, surely a unique position for any reigning house. The troubles and trials of the last decade, which have brought them closer to the people, have also brought the people closer to them.

Tomorrow there will be a spirit of goodwill abroad in England, a spirit that will owe its birth to two simple people who were married at Westminster Abbey 25 years ago, and who tomorrow will celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary.



NEW FEATURE NEXT WEEK

Mr. Victor Mamak, the well-known make-up artist, who has been contributing articles regularly to this page since last May, and who was familiar to readers of the "Sunday Herald" before the war, is commencing a new feature, "At Your Fingertips." If you have any beauty problems, send them to Victor Mamak at the "Sunday Herald" and he will do his best to answer them. No names will be published, but we would like you to attach your full name and address as evidence of good faith. Enquiries should be addressed to Victor Mamak, c/o "Sunday Herald, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

HOUSE HOLD HINTS

If white furs are kept wrapped in blue tissue paper when they are not being used, it will prevent them from turning yellow.

A pinch of salt, a few drops of vanilla, or a dash of cinnamon will add to the flavour of cocoa.

Remove the fruit stains on your hands by rubbing them with salt moistened with vinegar.

WHEN emptying canned food into jars, remove the label from tin and glue on to jar.

A lemon quarter in the second last rinsing water will rid freshly polished silver of any smelt from cleaning powders or liquids.

If there's a baby in the house, keep a small kitchen-tidy by the bathroom or nursery for grubby bibs and diapers.

When grease has spattered over black suede shoes, take a piece of brown paper and cover the grease with this. Then hold a warm iron over the paper. The spot will soon be absorbed into the paper.

HOUSE FOR A PRINCESS

By Cathleen Courlander

When Princess Elizabeth drove from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey to be married on November 20, she passed Clarence House which, it has been announced officially, is to be her future town residence.

Clarence House, overlooking the Mall, lies about two or three minutes' walk from Buckingham Palace. It overlooks, too, the serrated roof of London's historic St. James's Palace, and is practically in line with Marlborough House, home of Queen Mary, outside of which two centuries stand.

The house is of brown-grey stone and stands on the site of a wing of St. James's Palace which was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt during the years 1825-1829 for the Duke of Clarence, son of George III, who became William IV in 1830, and this monarch occupied it for some time after his accession.

When the house was finished for the Duke of Clarence, it was described as "a handsome building with two stories, the lower being of the Doric and the upper of the Corinthian style of architecture."

After William IV ceased to occupy it, Princess Augusta, the sixth child of George II, lived there until she died in 1840.

Royal Mother

For the next 20 years the house was lived in by Queen Victoria's mother, the Duchess of Kent. Some years after the Duchess's death in 1861, Queen Victoria ordered the house to be prepared for her second son, the Duke of Edinburgh. He lived there with his wife, the Princess Marie Alexandrovna, only daughter of Alexander II, Czar of Russia.

The Duke of Edinburgh made considerable alterations to Clarence House, and transformed it into a three-story building with 16 principal rooms. It was quickly furnished, it became famous as one of the handsomest houses in London.

It was the Duke who moved the entrance from opposite St. James's House in the quiet turning off Cleveland Row, St. James's, to a portico overlooking the garden and the Mall.

In 1901, Clarence House passed to the late Duke of Connaught, Queen Victoria's seventh child, and his wife. The Duchess of Connaught was an invalid and over the portico of Clarence House, a conservatory was built especially for her so that she could see the Mall and the trees in St. James's Park.

In World War II

When the Duchess died in 1917, her apartments were preserved for many long years in the exact state in which she left them. On the death of the Duke of Connaught in 1922, during World War II, an auction sale was held and many of the treasures in Clarence House, the bronzes, the pictures and the furniture, were disposed of publicly.

Later the mansion, unoccupied by any member of the Royal

Family, was let to a branch of Britain's Red Cross and St. John organisation for the direction of some important war work. Then they were replaced by Britain's Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, who were working there in some of the rooms when the announcement was made regarding the future of Clarence House.

The great house is situated in a charming, quiet garden where many generations of Royal children have played—the then-Duke of Edinburgh's daughter, Queen Marie of Rumania was one of them—looks lonely and deserted today. Londoners rejoice to think that soon again lights will twinkle through the spacious windows when their beloved Princess and her husband have made it their home, and have furnished it with some of their splendid wedding presents.

Ann Temple

Is your Quibbling really necessary?

I understand that there is a difference in the expectation of a man's life and a woman's life.

Have we yet sufficient to go on to be able to predict how much longer a married couple can look forward to being together, the woman being 30 and the man 50?

Is there any difference in the expectation when both man and wife are 70?—MAY.

Given people of normal health women can count on a few more years than men at any age from 30 on.

According to a compilation of an actual average it is taken that a woman of 30 can expect 41 more years, a man of 30, after 22, a man of 30, 35 more, a woman of 30, 24 more. Both 30, the man can look to nine more years and the woman ten.

My problem is quite simply quibbling. Its cause and cure, please.—KAY.

Some people quibble merely to gain time in an argument, but generally it is a device for evasion. "I know," she said "that I would never marry a parson or a Scotman or a Presbyterian, but I never said I would not marry a Scotch Presbyterian parson." That's the mentality. Anything to avoid yielding a point.

To cure it open the mind. Be mentally generous. Allow the other fellow to be right now and again. Argue to get at the truth, NOT to impress or to justify yourself.

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ex-Canton	10.55 a.m.
2.30 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
CNAC ex-Shanghai	10.45 a.m.
ex-Canton	12.55 a.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC ex-Singapore via Bangkok	2 p.m.
ex-Macao	10.25 a.m.
2.30 p.m.	2.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

HOAG ex-Singapore	4 p.m.
CNAC ex-Shanghai	10.45 a.m.
ex-Canton	2.30 p.m.
2.30 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC ex-Macao	8.50 a.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Canton	10.55 a.m.
1.15 p.m.	1.15 p.m.

TUESDAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Singapore	2 p.m.
CNAC ex-Shanghai	11.45 a.m.
ex-Canton	1.15 p.m.
1.15 p.m.	1.15 p.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC ex-Manila	12.30 p.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Canton	10.55 a.m.
PAN-AMERICAN ex-New York via London	10.55 a.m.
Calcutta, Bangkok	12.30 p.m.
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AIR FRANCE for Saigon	8 a.m.
CNAC for Shanghai	11.45 a.m.
for Swatow	7 a.m.
Canton	1.15 p.m.
1.15 p.m.	1.15 p.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC for Macao	9 a.m.
1 p.m.	1 p.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS for Canton	9 a.m.
11.20 a.m.	1.10 p.m.

TOMORROW

BOAC for Singapore	7.30 a.m.
CNAC for Shanghai	11.45 a.m.
for Swatow	7 a.m.
Canton	1.15 p.m.
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CATHAY PACIFIC for Manila	7 a.m.
for Singapore via Bangkok	8 p.m.
for Macao	7.30 a.m.
CATC for Amoy, Canton, Nanking, Nanchang, Shanghai, Tientsin	8 p.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS for Canton	9 a.m.
11.20 a.m.	1.10 p.m.

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By New Rules

Nanking, Apr. 23.

The Chinese National Assembly is not exactly using the ancient and respected "Robert's Rules of Order" as its parliamentary procedural guide, but it has gone a long way in taking the power of deciding issues away from the gavel.

The rules and regulations as finally approved after a week of debate that grew rather fiery at times, gives the chairman authority to make decisions on proposals, but a safety valve is provided that gives the man on the floor a chance to object.

But on the other hand, it requires more than one objection. In fact, 30 protests must be recorded before the chairman can be overruled on his decisions.

At the same time, the rules require 30 seconds to any motion before it can be put to a vote. Simple majority votes are provided for in the new by-laws.

Ordinarily, too, a proposition that has once been killed stands little chance of being revived. A delegate who sees his motion lying on the table, can immediately call for reconsideration, but he must win the support of 199 of his fellow delegates to have the debate resumed and another vote taken.

The by-laws provide, for one thing, that "all National Assembly sessions henceforth will be governed" by the new rules.

First Step

The first step, naturally, is for a delegate to get himself approved by the qualification investigation committee, and after a quorum of qualified delegates have been accepted, the Assembly is ready to do business.

Sessions will normally be open to the public, but the 65-member Presidium can order closed meetings if it sees the necessity.

The Presidium also gets the first look at ordinary proposals. "All proposals," the rules state, "shall first be submitted to the Presidium. Unless otherwise provided in the amended constitution, they are not valid unless signed by 20 or more delegates." A special examination committee of the Presidium examines the proposals before they are distributed among the delegates.

On special occasions, the Presidium can submit proposals direct to floor consideration, by-passing the committee.

Restrictions on the time delegates can have on the floor have been included in the by-laws. In fact, a time limit is made between "explanation of a proposal" and the "discussion of a subject."

The Rules

The rules read: "Explanation of a proposal shall be limited to 10 minutes. Speakers from the floor must obtain the permission of the chairman before discussing or questioning a proposal or answering questions which should not exceed five minutes.

"In the discussion of a subject, every delegate may be allowed to speak twice, not more than five minutes the first time, and another three minutes the second time except in the following cases:

"1. When the discussion is aimed at clarifying items in the proposal.

"2. When the discussion is aimed at clarifying the reports of the examination committee.

"3. When questioning or reply is made.

"4. When a disqualified delegate answers charges of the certification committee, or in stating their case when punishment is proposed."

Regulations governing decisions by the chairman give him power "to announce decisions on delegates' motions. When there are 30 or more delegates who object to the President's announcement, he shall call for another vote. A majority vote may annul the announcement.

Majority

"A motion to call for a vote requires the sponsoring of 30 or more delegates. A proposal is passed when the majority is in favour of it.

"To reopen discussion on a proposal which has already been passed, 200 or more delegates

SUES HIS OWN LAWYER

Washington, Apr. 23. Lee Fook, a local Chinese, who was convicted of murder and is now under a death sentence, has sued his attorney for US\$150,000 for failing to defend him faithfully.

He charges that the attorney misappropriated \$50,000 from him and ask for an additional \$100,000 of damages.—Central News.

must vote for such action at the meeting immediately following the one in which the resolution was passed. The person who seconded the original resolution shall move for the reopening of the discussions.

A proposed amendment to the constitution requires three readings. In the first reading the author must read his proposal in a loud voice, explain its significance, and answer questions "from the floor." It is then submitted to the examination committee, read again, debated, altered or approved without change.

The third reading is a formality in which "only rhetorical corrections are allowed. Unless conflicting passages are discovered, no motion for change of text may be accepted."

—United Press.

To Plug For Pay Boosts

Pittsburgh, Apr. 23.

The CIO United Steel Workers' Union has served notice it will plug for pay boosts despite US Steel Corporation's avowed attempt to peg living costs by denying wage increases and cutting prices.

The big Union's potent Wage-Policy Committee adopted a resolution renewing a no-strike promise but calling on about 600 steel producing and fabricating companies to extend deadlines on current wage negotiations.

The Steel Workers are conducting wage talks on behalf of 650,000 members.

The Union contends that higher wages are the answer to rising living costs and claims that "fantastic profits" by steel firms make the pay hikes possible.

US Steel's announcement that it was cutting prices US\$25,000,000 a year was followed by Westinghouse Electric Corporation announcing it was reducing prices about US\$3,125,000 a year. General Electric had previously announced their cuts.—Associated Press.

Chinese Ideographs Criticised

Tokyo, Apr. 23.

Eighty-nine year old Diet member, Yukio Ozaki—the "Bernard Shaw of Japan"—said today that the Allied Headquarters' approved new constitution was "meaningless" because it is written in Chinese ideographs.

Speaking at an open forum of "civil liberty" sponsored by the "Mainichi" on the occasion of the first anniversary of the new constitution falling on May 3, Ozaki called the Japanese "idiots" for clinging to the use of Chinese ideographs which, he said, have handicapped the mentality of the Japanese for centuries.

Chinese ideographs, by their nature of make-up, carry so many shades of meaning that they have confused one healthy growth of the Japanese, Ozaki said.

"It is all right to have democracy but I have yet to find any Japanese who understands the constitution. I do not understand it myself," he went on.

Ozaki said the Chinese had the world's most brilliant civilisation 3,000 years ago but they have been moving "back" because of their Chinese ideographs.

"We in Japan have been told for centuries that Chinese ideographs are a 'blessing' and that they have been an idiot for having to study several thousands of Chinese ideographs contracted to the simplicity of the English language which uses 20 letters."

Telling Lies

Ozaki said the Japanese have been "telling lies" for centuries in the daily use of their language. He pointed out, for instance, that the world for fountain pen in Japanese is "man-nen-ku" or ten thousand years pen. He called this term a "deliberate lie."

Ozaki urged the elimination of the Chinese ideographs and the adoption of romanised spelling of the Japanese language or exclusive use of Japanese "kana" system to that Japanese could devote more time to general educational advancement.—United Press.

New Cure For Undulant Fever

San Francisco, Apr. 23. Dr. Wesley Spink, of the University of Minnesota, reported the first known effective treatment of undulant fever to the American College of Physicians convention today.

He said he could control "both acute and chronic cases" of the disease which cripples more than 40,000 Americans yearly and renders useless thousands of cattle and other livestock.

Dr. Spink said the "encouraging new cure" was a combination of sulfadiazine and streptomycin administered in multiple doses over a three-week period.—United Press.

TREATY ACCEPTED

Helsinki, Apr. 23. A Finnish Parliament Committee tonight approved the Russian-Finnish treaty after a week-long study of its legal aspects.

The Committee on Fundamental Law, which Parliament has set up to study the treaty, said the treaty could be approved by a simple majority since it did not touch upon the country's sovereignty.

No U.S. Decision On Siam

Washington, Apr. 23.

The United States Government has not yet decided whether to recognise the new Siamese Government, a State Department spokesman said today.

Commenting on the declaration of a "watchful policy" towards the new regime, the declaration said:

"In connection with the resignation of the Abhaiwong Government of Siam on April 8 in favour of the new Government of Phibul Songram, the United States Government will watch carefully the manner in which Siam's international and other obligations are carried out, and how American citizens in their interests in Siam are affected.

"In this connection, the United States Government is, for the time being, suspending its consideration of what action, if any, it might take in response to the Siamese Government's desire for a favourable consideration of various matters of a financial nature."

The financial matters referred to were understood to be \$37 to \$40 million worth of Siamese gold impounded in Tokyo and Japanese assets in Siam which have not yet been fully appraised and which Phibul Songram has been trying to get released.—Reuter.

French O.K.

Bangkok, Apr. 23. The new Siamese Government, headed by the country's wartime dictator, Marshal Phibul Songram, today received formal recognition from France, it was announced here.

A Foreign Office spokesman stated the Government expected recognition by other powers very soon.—Reuter.

Truman And Italy

Washington, Apr. 23.

President Truman today read a statement to his press conference saying: "Free peoples everywhere will be encouraged by the outcome of the recent Italian elections.

"The results demonstrate the vitality of the Italian people and their determination to maintain their freedoms and their liberties."

He did not elaborate on the statement, but emphasised its importance by permitting correspondents to quote him directly.

The President told the press correspondents he would give an answer soon to a question as to what form of support the United States would give to the Government of Alcide De Gasperi, who was elected Prime Minister of Italy last month.—Reuter.



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Opium Carriers Jailed

Two "carriers," one of whom was a Chinese soldier, were brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with importing opium into the colony without permission.

Rev. Off. Redman told the Court that Yau Kwong-chung, 31-year-old Chinese soldier, had five packets of opium, totalling 34 taels, hidden in the false bottom of his suitcase. Ngai Chun-tim, 25, unemployed, had 10 packets, totalling 16 taels, hidden in a false bottom in wooden box. Both were arrested as they were leaving the s.s. "Hui Yang," which berthed at the Douglas Wharf at 11 a.m. Friday.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada sentenced both to six months and recommended them for banishment. The drug was confiscated with the suitcase and box.

Opium Depot Raided

Chan Kwai (42), female, was fined \$2,000 (nine months' hard labour) when she pleaded guilty before Mr. W. A. Blair, Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to possession of nine taels of raw opium at 47 Fuk Wah Street, third floor, on April 23. Revenue Officer D. H. Knox said that the Revenue Department had been after the place for some time but it was not until the raid at 4.15 p.m. on April 23 that they were able to discover anything on the premises. The opium was found in a tin concealed in a specially constructed receptacle in one of the pillars in the house. There was no doubt that the premises were used as a sort of depot for opium.

FOG WARNING

The Director of Marine announced that an automatic fog bell has been established on the South-West point of Kap Sing Island, Lat 22° 27' 00" N, Long 114° 03' 37" E. The bell will sound, during thick weather, one stroke at intervals of 30 seconds.

Ambitious Show By Music Group

Hong Kong has the unenviable reputation of being a wealthy city in which there is hardly any cultural life. Efforts are, however, being made by small groups of people devoted to one or other of the arts to share their love of these good things with all who find enjoyment in them.

The Music Group of the Sino-British Club has in recent months held a series of concerts, and next Friday they will present their most ambitious programme to date, when their Symphony Orchestra will perform for the first time in public.

They will play in the Hall of St. Stephen's Girls' College through the kindness of Miss E. S. Atkins, the headmistress, who has given the Music Group the free use of the Hall for all the concerts which have been organised by them.

The orchestra has had its ups and downs since it came into being six months ago. The departure from the Colony of most of the Service members was a minor catastrophe, and the shortage of instruments in the Colony to make up the deficiency has been a continual headache to the Committee.

A small band of enthusiasts, however, gradually joined their ranks. The present strength of the orchestra is about thirty players, and it is planned to double this number eventually. The conductor, Dr. Solomon Bard, took up the baton at a very critical period early in the new year, and it is largely through his efforts that the orchestra has since not looked back. Rehearsals have been held every Wednesday at the St. John's Cathedral Hall, generously placed at the disposal of the Club by the Dean.

The standard of playing has shown steady improvement, and it is hoped that the public will give Hong Kong's own symphony orchestra an encouraging reception when it makes its debut by staging the concert in goodly numbers.

On Friday, the orchestra will open the programme with Mozart's Overture to "The Marriage of Figaro" and will end it with a symphony which is easy to listen to, the delightful "Clock" Symphony by the side of cheerful of the great composers, Josef Haydn.

Celia Hodgman, whose beautiful soprano voice is familiar to the musical public, will sing a number of songs, with Donald Fraser accompanying at the piano. Miss Tang, a gifted young pianist, who gave a pleasing performance at a concert of St. Stephen's Girls' College last month, will complete the programme with Beethoven's No. 1 Piano Concerto.

The deciding match of the League between the Gunners and Inniskillings will be played on Tuesday at Sookunpoo—kick-off 4.45 p.m. The Drums and Pipes of the 1st Bn. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers will be in attendance. At the conclusion of the match the Army League Cup will be presented by Mrs. Erskine to the winning team. Both have a good selection of players, and spectators will be treated to a good game.

Several players have been injured this week. Hearst, goalkeeper for the Skins, fractured his collar bone playing against the R.E.M.E. Sgt. Ackworth, of HQ L.F., broke two ribs when playing against the Buffs. Craighead received injuries to his leg and it is doubtful whether he will be fit for Tuesday's match against the Skins.

Four more matches have been played this week. The most surprising result was Sappers' victory over the B.M.H.

R.A.	7	Signals	1
Inniskills	3	R.E.M.E.	0
Buffs	3	HQ L.F.	2
Sappers	3	B.M.H.	1

There has been no change in the League positions. As can be seen, Inniskills must win their match on Tuesday to secure top position. A draw would be sufficient to give the Gunners the League honours.

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25. Fd. Regt.	15	12	1	0	0	14	24
Inniskills	13	11	2	0	5	8	23
H.Q.L.F.	14	7	4	3	31	26	17
Buffs	14	6	5	3	31	42	15
R.E.M.E.	13	5	6	2	18	12	12
Skins	14	3	9	2	23	61	8
B.M.H.	13	2	10	1	21	47	5
Sappers	14	2	11	1	15	57	5

Without three of their regular players, Inniskillings had a comfortable win against R.E.M.E. Kierman and Kilcourse were both needed in the Combined Services Match, while Johnson has not yet recovered from his injury when he played for the Army in the Memorial Cup.

Robinson, the reserve, has, however, established himself as the Inniskillings' regular centre half. It would not be a surprise to see him playing for the Army.

Both inside forwards of the Skins played well and were equally well supported by their

half back line, although Foley was not up to his usual standard. Pudney, centre forward, opened the scoring for the Skins, and a few minutes later Andrews, inside left, headed the lead with a lovely hard drive which gave the goalkeeper no chance at all.

Goalkeeper Carried Off

Immediately after the kick-off in the second half Hearst, the Inniskillings regular goalkeeper, was injured and had to be carried off. Pudney took his place in goal and during the rest of the game he brought off some very fine saves. R.E.M.E. tried on several occasions to reduce the deficit but Robinson held his defence together and broke up the opposing forward line.

For the R.E.M.E. Gillman and Correll played well, but the R.E.M.E. forwards were weak particularly in front of the goal. In their last match of the season, Sappers put up a very creditable performance in beating the B.M.H. by 2-1.

Play in the first half was very scrappy but in the second half Sappers settled down and held the whip-hand for the rest of the game.

After the first few minutes of play B.M.H. were unlucky to have a goal disallowed for off-side. However this did not worry the Sappers who shortly afterwards opened the scoring when Wilson, outside left, met a cross from the opposite wing and headed the ball into the net well wide of the goalkeeper. Hegley, in goal, played a very good game and brought off some very fine saves. A few minutes later Sweeney, centre forward for the B.M.H., equalised.

In the second half the Sappers played better football. Their defence gave little chance to the B.M.H. forwards. It came as no surprise when Hughes gave the Sappers the lead. A few minutes later a hard shot by Bernard rattled the B.M.H. crossbar. Williams, in goal, was having a hard time warding off the continuous attacks by the agile Sapper forwards. The last goal came a few minutes before the final whistle when Bernard easily beat Williams, the "Doctors" custodian.

E. F. Passos, 32, employed by Anderson, Meyer and Co. Ltd., appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Hn. Shing Lo on a charge of larceny by servant of a number of car tins of soap (valued at \$20) from godowns at the Taikeo Sugar Refinery. He was remanded in police custody for three days.

Dedear-Reid Wedding

The wedding of Miss Alice Margaret Dedear to Mr. James Theodore Reid took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Clifford Davis of H.M.S. "Tamar" officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. W. E. Jaques, wore a charming gown of white lace over tulle. Her long tulle veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white gardenias and carnations.

Attending the bride as Matron of Honour and bridesmaids were Mrs. R. M. Owens and Miss Suzanne Crauch; both wore yellow marquisette gowns with off-the-shoulder design. They had picture hats to match. Their bouquets were yellow gladioli.

Dainty Miss Sally Davies, flower girl, wore long blue marquisette dress with a sequined Juliet cap. She carried a posy of pink and blue carnations. Duties of best man were discharged by Mr. P. E. Chapman.

A reception for a large number of friends and relatives was held at the Hong Kong Club.

The newly-weds left later for their honeymoon in Peiping. The bride chose for her going-away dress a navy and white silk two-piece with a accessories to match.

Navy Wedding

St. Joseph's church was packed to overflowing yesterday afternoon when Dr. Winnifred Pennefather, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Pennefather, of 350 The Peak, became the bride of Lieut. Reginald McClement, R.N. The Rev. Father Rignall, S.J., officiated.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, wore a long white satin gown with an over-dress of embroidered marquisette. Her long tulle veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white gardenias.

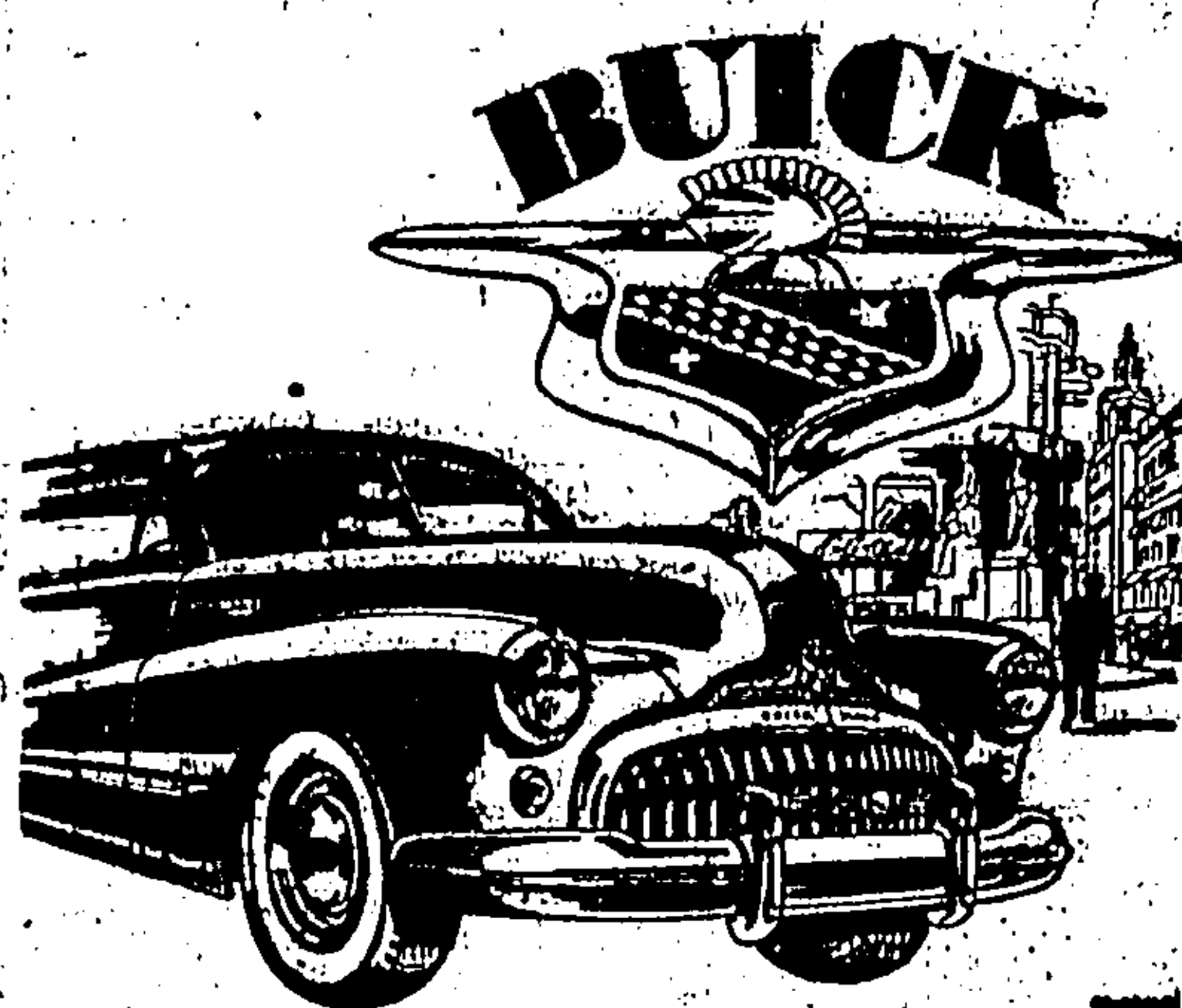
Attending the bride were the Misses Evelyn Tyrrell, Shane Esmond and Carol Hetherington, who wore gowns of white georgette with pastel floral headresses. They carried early Victorian posies.

Duties of best man were discharged by Lieut. Comdr. J. Dalglish, R.N.

A reception after the wedding was held at 350, The Peak, after which the newly-weds left for their honeymoon in Swatow. The bride chose for her going-away dress a yellow crepe ensemble with hat to match, and while other accessories.

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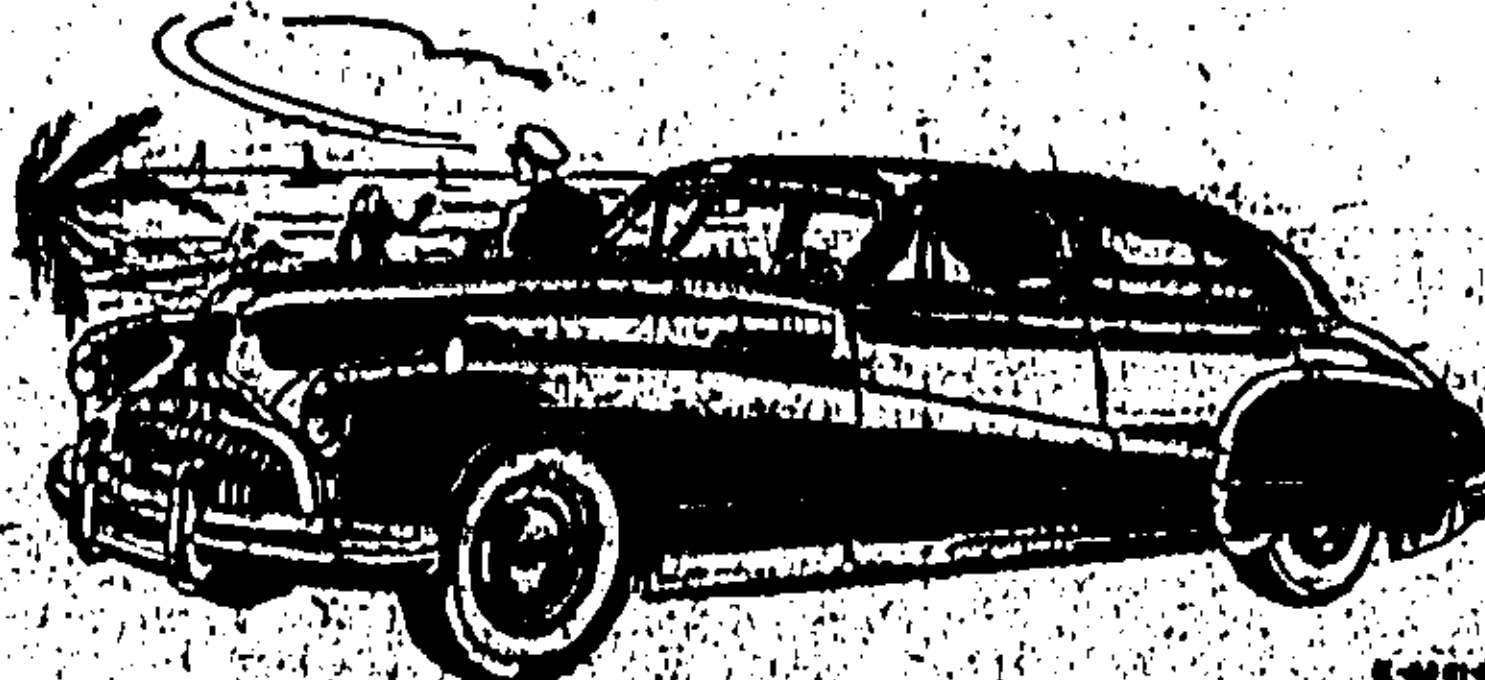
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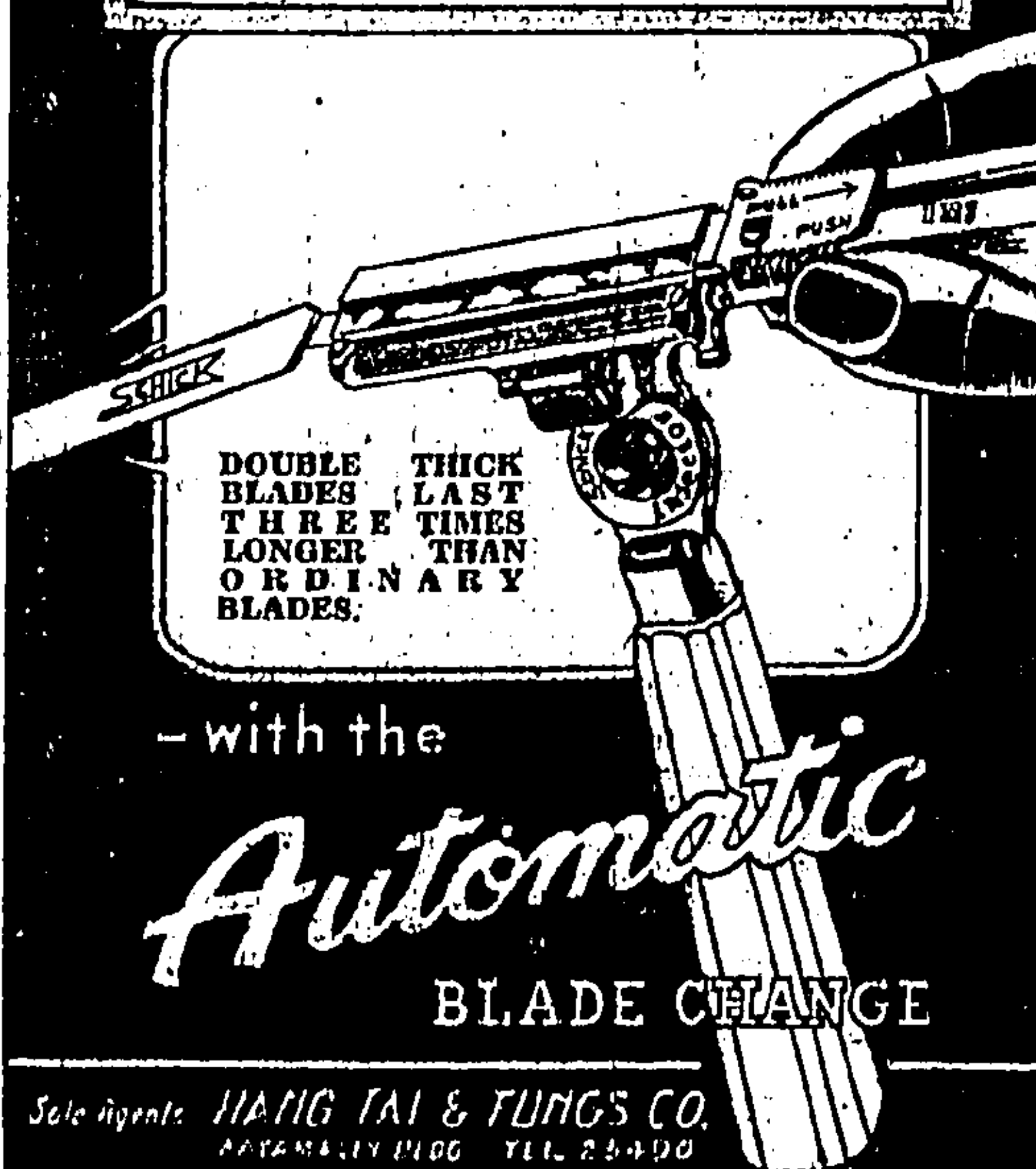
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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

Saturday, 1st May, 1948.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through numbers (10 Races—\$20), may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the Jockey Meeting in May, 1948. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all debts etc.

The Treasurers' Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of lifts will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27810).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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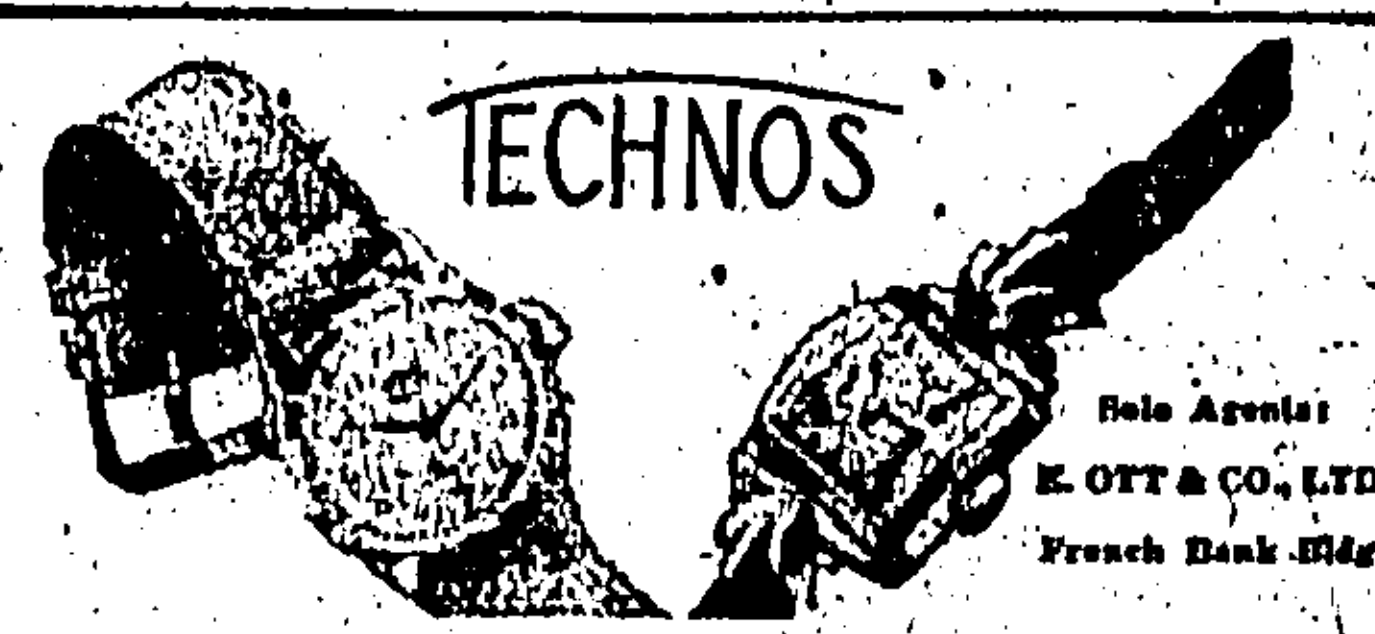
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BADMINTON TOURNNEY Events Reach The Semi-Finals

(By "ARGONAUT")

Twenty-one fixtures of the Colony Badminton Championships were successfully run off during the course of last week, the conclusion of which saw all the events in their semi-final stages. With the exception of the Senior Men's Doubles event, all the other events each include an unseeded entry among the semi-finalists, who are now as follows:

Senior Men's Singles: Low Kent (seeded) vs. Robert Tay (seeded) S.A. Vannar (unseeded) vs. P.H. Wong (seeded).
Senior Men's Doubles: P.H. Wong & C. Au (seeded) vs. H. Young & W.F. Fong (unseeded).
Junior Men's Singles: S. Saul (unseeded) vs. K.Y. Tam (seeded).
A.L. Fisher (unseeded) vs. W.C. Chung (seeded).
Junior Men's Doubles: K.S. Thong & T.H. Chiu (unseeded) vs. S. Saul & W.C. Chung (seeded).
A. Ho & K.F. Chiu (seeded) vs. A. Bayot & F.M. Ribeiro (seeded).
Mixed Doubles: Robert Tay & Miss W. Cheung (seeded) vs. P.H. Wong & Miss M. Ribeiro (seeded).
R. Young & Miss U. Khoo vs. J. J. Remedios & Mrs. O. Silva (unseeded).

Arrangements for the play-off of the Semi-finals and Finals have not been made yet by the Tournament Committee, and the delay is greatly deplored. It is understood that arrangements will be made at the Meeting of the Tournament Committee to be held this Monday, which will mean that the earliest when the Semi-finals can be played off will be Wednesday. Two days, Monday and Tuesday are thus wasted.

The Sing Tao Team will leave for Shanghai on May 2, Sunday to take part in the National Athletic Meet, and if the Semi-finals and Finals are not played off before this date, it will mean that there will be either a series of walk-overs, or that an interval of time had to elapse before the Finals can be staged.

Semi-Finals
The holding-off of a tournament half-way is one of the things which can be seriously detrimental to enthusiasm and interest in the game.

This is the more to be regretted considering that the Tournament has been running for more than three weeks and during all this time the Committee has had ample opportunity to hold a meeting and make all arrangements for the Semi-finals and Finals. However, it is still not too late, if they can arrange these to be played off on Wednesday.

New Airline To Tokyo

Shanghai, Apr. 24. Direct regular air service between Shanghai and Tokyo is planned by CNAC for the middle of May, according to Company sources.

Flights between this country and Japan will be conducted on a limited basis, though no restrictions have been imposed on Chinese airline operations into SCAP airports, a spokesman of the company is quoted as saying in reports this morning.

He disclosed that CNAC would run independent flights to Okinawa. The latter route would be operated on a three weekly basis, principally for the benefit of American military personnel and their dependents, as well as for Chinese Government officials.

"CORAL SEA VICTORY"

Melbourne, Apr. 23. The Australian-American Association is making elaborate arrangements for the commemoration of the sixth anniversary of the "Coral Sea victory" will be highlighted by a midday public meeting in Melbourne Town Hall on May 10 with speakers including Frank Cardinal Spellman and Helen Keller.

R. G. Casey, Federal President of the A.A.A., commented that the Coral Sea battle was the first major step in Australia's salvation from the fate of Malaya, Java and the first real test of Australian-American comradeship in arms.—United Press.

Zandvoort, Apr. 23. A plan to establish a Butlin holiday camp at the North Sea resort of Zandvoort with accommodation for 30,000 Britons during the holiday season is at present under discussion with Zandvoort's town planner, the mayor, announced in the city council.—Associated Press.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Last week's fixtures brought three unseeded entries into the Semi-finals. J.J. Remedios and Mrs. O. Silva struck their peak form when they snatched the Mixed Doubles game from their club-mates M.A. Oliveria & Miss M. Silva. This was a case in which it was not the losers who were playing below form, but that of the winner playing a better game. J.J. was devastating with his favourite stroke, his backhand cross-drops and his smashing seldom missed their mark. But it was Oliveria who exhibited the best performance. Time and again she pulled her partner out when completely out of position by her excellent covering and retrieving and it is hoped she will display the same form in the semi-final.

Saul Shines
Saul played a clever game when he eliminated the seeded player A. Bayot in the Junior Singles, to enter the Semi-finals. Just when things were looking bad for him, with the score at 13-7 against him at one stage, he switched over to a low drive service to his opponent's backhand. This caught Bayot repeatedly, and gradually put him off his game.

The latter, however, has a pleasing style and should go far in next year's tournament, if only he would develop his hitting power. Many of his shots only got as far as mid-court.

K.S. Thong & T.H. Chiu, surprisingly scored a comfortable win over the seeded Kwok brothers in the Junior Men's Doubles. Thong is a promising Junior player possessing strong stamina and forceful shots, but lacks accuracy and steadiness, which would be useful for him to develop.

Sing Tao
The Sing Tao team, comprising the following players, will leave for Shanghai by air on May 2 to participate in the National Athletic Meet. P.H. Wong, P.K. Hui, W.F. Fong, Charles Au, Robert Tay, Miss Winnie Cheung, and Mrs. T.F. Lo.

Low Kent Soo and Miss Ullin Khoo were also invited but were unable to make the trip. The team will in addition play a series of matches there, probably against the Flying Shuttles (Shanghai League Champions), the French Club and Shanghai Combined.

It is now learnt that for financial reasons, Malaya will not be sending the three badminton players to Shanghai as originally intended.

Wappinshaw Bowls Surprise

The final game of the Individual Wappinshaw Competition of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, played at Austin Road yesterday, resulted in "Jock" McKelvie running away with the Cup.

It appeared to be a "dead cert." for one of the four leading competitors H.O. Mauerhofer (plus 36), W. C. Simpson (plus 34), E. G. Shaw (plus 30) and R. J. Wigginton (plus 28), when the rinks were drawn and it was found that the four were playing on opposing fours. McKelvie had, up to yesterday's game, an aggregate of 22 winning shots, and, it could safely be said, was not considered as a possible danger to the leaders.

His victory of 21 shots over Thompson's rink gave him a final aggregate of 43 shots—and the Cup. E.G. Shaw was second with 30 up.

As the President (McKelvie) could not present the Cup to himself, it was the words of E.A. Atkins (Vice-President), the trophy was handed to the winner by Atkins.

Scores: G.C. Norman 10, J.G. Robertson 10, J.W. Close 10, N.J. Whelpton 10, H.F. Shields 10, E.F. Pope 10, G.E.F. Thompson 10, J. McKelvie 30, R.P. Phillips 10, J.W. Bailey 10, M.L. Hurdle 10, J.S. Dinnen 10, H.V. Wigginton 10, J.C. Meyer 10.

TENNIS TOURNNEY

The following are the week's tennis fixtures:—

MONDAY
R.N. Lindeman and A.W. Wood v. W. Dubois and A. Furrer.
R. Segalen v. P.H. Bonnerman.
P.S.M. Dew v. J.D. Mackie.
M. Pagh v. E.G. Elliott.

TUESDAY
K.H. Ip v. Choy Tin-fook.
J.K. Wilson and T.J. Gould v. M.W. Turner and M.F. Haymes.

WEDNESDAY
H.V. Ardy and G.S. Coxhead v. D.L. Prophet and J.D. Mackie.
A.T. Dow and G.E. Strickland v. Cdr. E.H. Allen and Cdr. A.M. Akery.

THURSDAY
J.G. Clague v. J.C. Cruickshank.
Open Singles (Semi-final).
Stand Court.
R. Segalen v. Tain Wai Pui.

FRIDAY
H.V. Ardy v. J.D. Mackie.
J.K. Wilson v. H. Meyer.
M. Pagh v. T.J. Gould.
P.S.M. Dew v. A. Furrer.

Open Doubles, Stand Court.
Lee Wai-long and P.T. Hsu v. K.H. Ip and P. Kong.

THURSDAY
P.S.M. Dew and M. Pagh v. L.M.S. Loyd and H. Owen Hughes.
A.J. Clifford v. Cdr. E.H. Allen.
J.L. Wright v. M. Pagh or T.J. Gould.

FRIDAY
A.J. Clifford or Cdr. E.H. Allen v. P.S.M. Dew or A. Furrer.
J.L. Wright v. M. Pagh or T.J. Gould.
Lt. J.H.T. Eberle or G.S. Coxhead v. A.T. Dow.

Telegram Rates Up

Washington, Apr. 23. The Federal Communications Commission has authorized a general advance in overseas communications rates, effective next Wednesday (April 28).

It announced the emergency authority was based on the need of most companies for additional operating revenue.

The full commercial rate will take increases of two to six cents per word. No advance, however, may be made in any country where the present full rate is 30 cents per word.

The Commission authorized an advance of 1/2 to one cent a word in the ordinary press message, except on messages to those points serviced by Press Wireless.

It said this action was based on Press Wireless testimony that it does not desire to increase its press message rates because it is now operating at a profit.

The Hague, Apr. 23. The Dutch Lower House today passed article by article the Western Union Bill ratifying the Brussels live-power treaty linking Britain, France, and Benelux. The House then adjourned until next Wednesday when the vote on the bill as a whole will be taken.—Reuter.

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Home Football Results

London, Apr. 24. Today's Football results:—

FIRST DIVISION
Villa 2 Liverpool 1
Blackburn 4 Sheffield U. 2
Chelsea 0 Burnley 0
Derby 2 Preston 0
Everton 0 Portsmouth 0
Grimsby 1 Charlton 0
Huddersfield 0 Stoke 0
Manchester C. 0 Arsenal 0
Sunderland 1 Middlesbrough 1
Wolves 1 Bolton 0

SECOND DIVISION
Bradford 3 Barnsley 2
Bury 0 Leicester 0
Cardiff City 0 West Brom. 0
Doncaster 0 Luton 0
Millwall 0 Coventry 0
Notts F. 1 Plymouth 0
Wendnesday 0 Birmingham 0
Southampton 2 Brentford 0
Spurs 1 Newcastle 1
West Ham 2 Leeds 0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)
Aldershot 1 Bristol C. 1
Brighton 1 Notts Co. 1
Bristol R. 1 Bournemouth 2
Palace 2 Reading 2
Northampton 4 Ipswich 2
Norwich 1 Swansea 2
Port Vale 1 Exeter 0
Queen's Park 1 Newport 0
Swindon 0 Orient 0
Torquay 3 Walsall 2
Watford 2 Southend 2

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)
Chester 2 Stockport 2
Crewe 3 Hull 0
Darlington 0 Rochdale 0
Gateshead 3 N. Brighton 1
Hartlepool 2 Southport 0
Mansfield 1 Bradford C. 1
Oldham 1 Wrexham 4
Rotherham 0 Lincoln 0
Tranmere 0 Halifax 0
York 0 Barrow 0

SCOTTISH "A" DIVISION
Falkirk 1 St. Mirren 1
Morton 0 Queen's P. 0
Motherwell 1 Rangers 2
Queen's Park 0 Hearts 0

SCOTTISH "B" DIVISION
Albion 1 East Fife 4
Dumbarton 3 Alloa 4
Raith 0 St. Johnstone 1
Stenhousemuir 3 Dundee U. 0

INTER-LEAGUE
League of Ireland 0 Scottish 2

FRIENDLY MATCHES
Carlsruhe 1 Dunfermline 0
Kilmarnock 3 Clyde 2
Cowdenbeath 0 Celtic 2

**Yankees Humbled
By Red Sox**

New York, Apr. 23. In the American League, Mickey Harris, a sora-armed flop last year, hurled the Boston Red Sox into the winning column for the first time this season with a five hit 4-0 shut-out that spoiled the New York Yankees' home opener. Frank Shea, the Yank's sensational rookie last year, gave up all four runs before being lifted in the fifth.

Scoring six times on four homers, two by Ken Keltner, the Cleveland Indians beat the Detroit Tigers 8-2 to grab the League lead. Pitcher Bob Lemon stopped the Tigers with six hits in their home opener before 45,000 fans, a slightly bigger crowd than New York's. The Washington Senators scored twice in the 10th inning and then choked off a desperate Philadelphia rally to win 5-3. The Athletics got two men on base with none but in their half of the 10th but could not tally.

National League
In the National League, effective pitching by Dixie Donnelly plus heavy hitting by Dick Sisk and Richie Ashburn enabled Philadelphia to rout the Brooklyn Dodgers 10-2 before 25,000 fans. The Phils quickly put the issue out of doubt with three runs in the first inning off lefty Joe Hatton.

At Chicago, Ralph Lapointe's game busting double in the ninth ruined a two-hit performance by Johnny Schmitz and gave the Saint Louis Cardinals a 1-0 win over the Chicago Cubs before 20,000 fans.

Right-hander Ray Paat became the first New York Giant pitcher to get the distance as he hurled the Giants to a 3-1 win over the Boston Braves. The Giants scored twice in the opening frame off southpaw Warren Spahn.

Cincinnati spotted Pittsburgh three runs and then came on with six extra base hits out of the eight they runs to win 6-3 and give Ewell Blackwell his second victory of the year.

American League
Boston 4 New York 0
Cleveland 8 Detroit 2
Washington 5 Philadelphia 3

National League
Philadelphia 10 Brooklyn 2
St. Louis 6 Chicago 0
New York 3 Boston 1
Pittsburgh 3 Cincinnati 0

STOLE CAMERA
A 20-year-old, unemployed Chinese, residing at the Luk Kwok Hotel, Gloucester Road, appeared in the dock at Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with stealing an "Ereca" camera, property of the Wing On Co., on April 22, at Kowloon Road.

ARMY SOCCER
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OLYMPIC TEAM LOSE Poor Display By Chinese Stars

Giving a display which fell far below expectations China Olympic Soccer team was well and truly beaten at Happy Valley yesterday by a Rest of Hong Kong Chinese team which will represent Hong Kong at the National Games in Shanghai, by three goals to one.

On yesterday's performance, many of the players selected to represent China in the Olympic Games completely failed to justify their inclusion. It is difficult to understand how China's selectors came to pass over the wealth of talent at their disposal. There were several fine players in the Rest team who were fully worth a place. These promising young players would, without doubt, form the nucleus of a powerful Chinese side for the Olympic Games, but for some reason best known to the selectors themselves, old stagers who are not likely to stand the pace of an Olympic Game, have been given preference.

Tam Kwan-kon, who played in goal for the Rest, once more covered himself with glory and was the idol of the crowd. His brilliant keeping completely overshadowed the performance of his opposite number whose pathetic display did not serve to inspire much confidence.

Suporb Goalie
From the start, the Olympic team took up the attack and the Rest defence was subjected to a terrific battering. Shots were being sent in from all directions, but Tam was playing the game of his life and frustrated all attempts of the Olympic forwards to score.

Fifteen minutes after start, Lee Tak-kee gained possession and passed forward to Li Chun-fat, who raced down the wing and centred the ball. Chu Cheung-ling left his charge and just as he gathered the ball, Lee Shek-yau dashed up and dispossessed him. Lee immediately drove the ball into the top left hand corner of the net, to open the scoring for the Rest.

The Olympic team attacked desperately after this reverse, but the Rest refused to give ground. Shortly afterwards, another forward pass by Lee Tak-kee saw the ball again placed in the goalmouth. Like a streak of lightning, Tang Yee-kit dashed up and headed the ball into the net before the opposing defence knew what was happening.

This goal served to put the Olympic team really on their pelt and following a period of attacking, Cheung Kam-ho reduced the lead when he netted with a fine header which gave Tam no chance. Just before half, the points were awarded against the Olympic team and Lee Tak-kee, who took the spot kick, made no mistake with a powerful drive to the top of the net.

Defence Holds
The resumption saw the Olympic team launch a series of attacks on the Rest goal, but the Rest defence were playing a grand game and shots by the opposing forwards were either smothered or cleared. As the game progressed, the Rest came into their own and the Olympic defence had many anxious moments as the speedy Tang Yee-kit, Li Chun-fat and Lau Fook-chuen made inclusive runs down the field. End to end play followed, with the Olympic forwards throwing every trick they knew into the game but finding the opposing defence equal to the occasion.

The final whistle came with the Rest worthy winners.

Today's Game
The China Olympic Soccer team, which is leaving for Manila on May 2 en route to London, will play its game this afternoon on the Club Ground when it will again meet a team from the rest of the Hong Kong Chinese, at 3.30 p.m.

The Olympic team will include P.L. Cheung of Shanghai, Teo Kam-hung and Lai Shui-wing, who did not play yesterday.

SCHOOL SOCCER
In the semi-final replay of the School Shield Competition, Queen's College beat St. Joseph's College 4-1.

The winners will now play St. Joseph's in the final on the Club ground on Sunday.

**Davis Cup Players
Refuse To Go Home**

Rome, Apr. 23. Jaroslav Drobny, No. 1 Czech tennis player, and three "missing" companions have turned up in Palermo, Sicily. They said they did not intend to return to Prague "in view of the present oppressive system and hard life there".

The disclosure was made by directors of the Circolo Tennis Club in Palermo after a private conference with the four Czech stars.

Included in the group are Drobny; Vladimir Cernik (Drobny's Davis Cup partner); Milan Matulis; and Melana Strabueva, beautiful top-ranking Czech women's star.

The players, who arrived from Naples for exhibition matches at Palermo on Sunday, said they were "surprised" to hear reports from Prague that they were missing in Italy. After conversation with the athletes, an official of Circolo Club said:

"It can be said they do not intend to return to Prague in view of the present oppressive system and the hard life. They expect to remain in Italy and hope eventually to go to America."

Failed To Return
The Czech players' disappearance was first noted by the Prague newspaper "Mlada Fronta" after their failure to return home from Italy last week. A telephone call from Italian Tennis Federation officials in Rome and Milan to the Circolo Club, where the Czechs are scheduled to make their next appearance, failed to elicit any reply.

Davis Cup Victory
Britain won the tie in the first round of the Davis Cup against India when Tony Mottram beat Dilip Bose by 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 here today.